Archdiocesan Restructuring Workbook

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Planning Area 4

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About the Workbook

There are three sections of this workbook, each one equips priests and key parish leaders with essential data about:

1) The Archdiocese of Detroit
2) Your planning area
3) Your parish

This workbook serves as a planning resource to support thoughtful reflection on the current strengths and future opportunities for ministry and evangelization within each planning area.

Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known as we restructure the parishes
and ministries of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others and in the world around us.

We know you are with us in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

Many parishes were built or grew in a time when Christian values and assumptions were the norm. Faith was inherited and the Church held cultural influence.

There is no doubt that the culture around us, both in the United States and locally in the Archdiocese of Detroit, has changed. The mission, however, has not; it has always been to “go and make disciples” (Matthew 28:19)

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

I dream of a "missionary option", that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church's customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today's world rather than for her self-perseveration.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Why Archdiocesan Restructuring?

The renewal of structures demanded by pastoral conversion can only be understood in this light, as part of an effort to make them more mission-oriented, to make ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open, to inspire in pastoral workers a constant desire to go forth and in this way to elicit a positive response from all those whom Jesus summons to friendship with himself.

Evangelii Gaudium, 27

Archdiocesan Restructuring Process

Why?

As we move forward on mission, we must first address the challenges of our changing culture, which include demographic and financial shifts, a decline in the practice of the faith, and fewer priests serving our archdiocese. These challenges have resulted in limited resources to serve, sustain, and grow the Church in Detroit.

How?

The Archdiocesan Restructuring process will examine the existing Families of Parishes structure, as well as the structure of the Curia, to discern how we can be structured and how our resources can be best aligned "for the evangelization of today's world rather than for [our] self-preservation" (Evangelii Gaudium, 27).

Archdiocesan Restructuring Challenges

Our Goal for Restructuring

Develop a new pastorate model authored by the Holy Spirit that establishes a vibrant Catholic presence in every area of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Vibrant Parishes

Gospel renewal in our parishes and other ministry efforts

Flourishing Priests

Priests flourishing in their ministry to parishes and the greater community

Mission Ready

Secure a vibrant future for the Church of Detroit

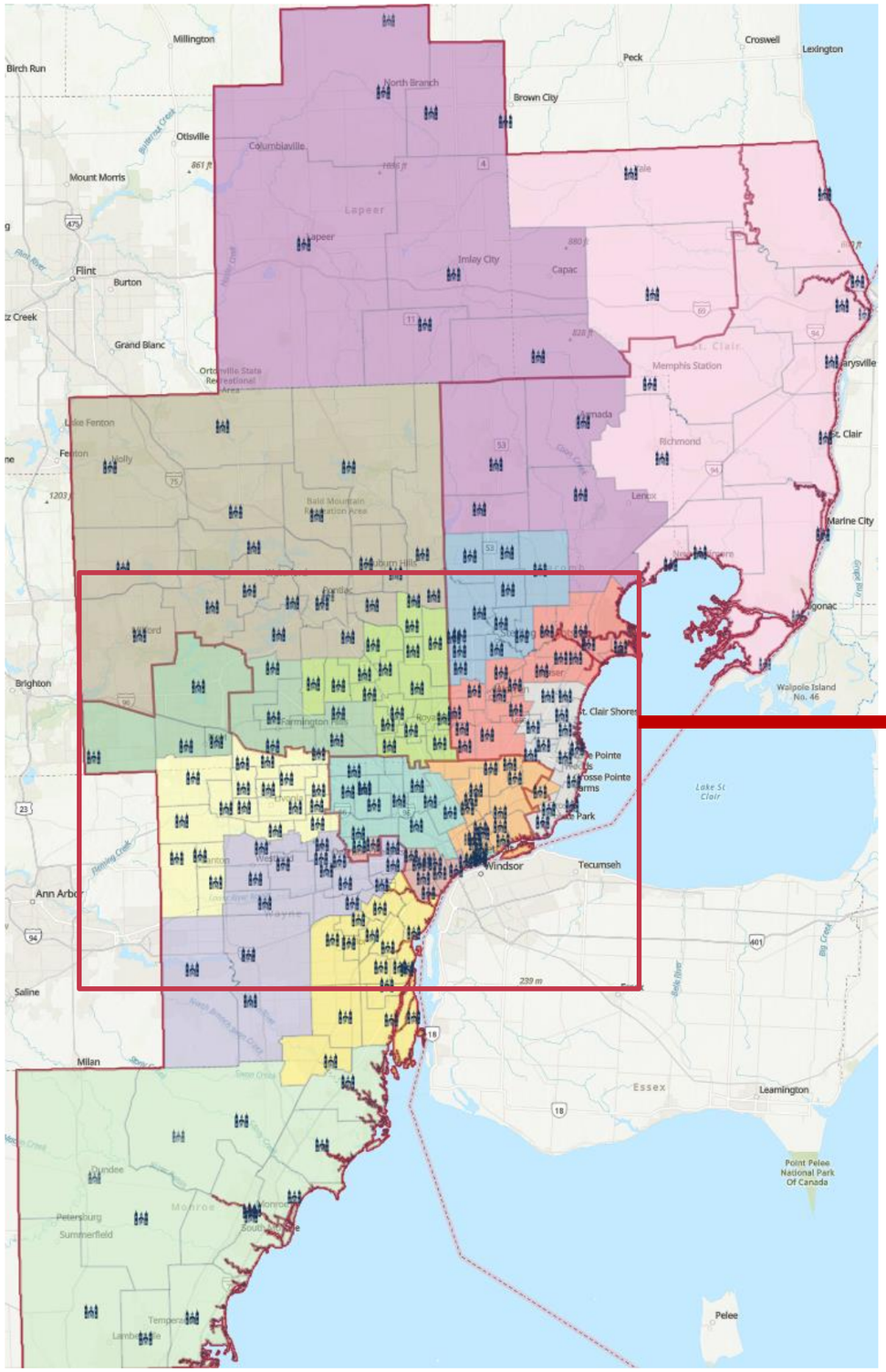
Section One

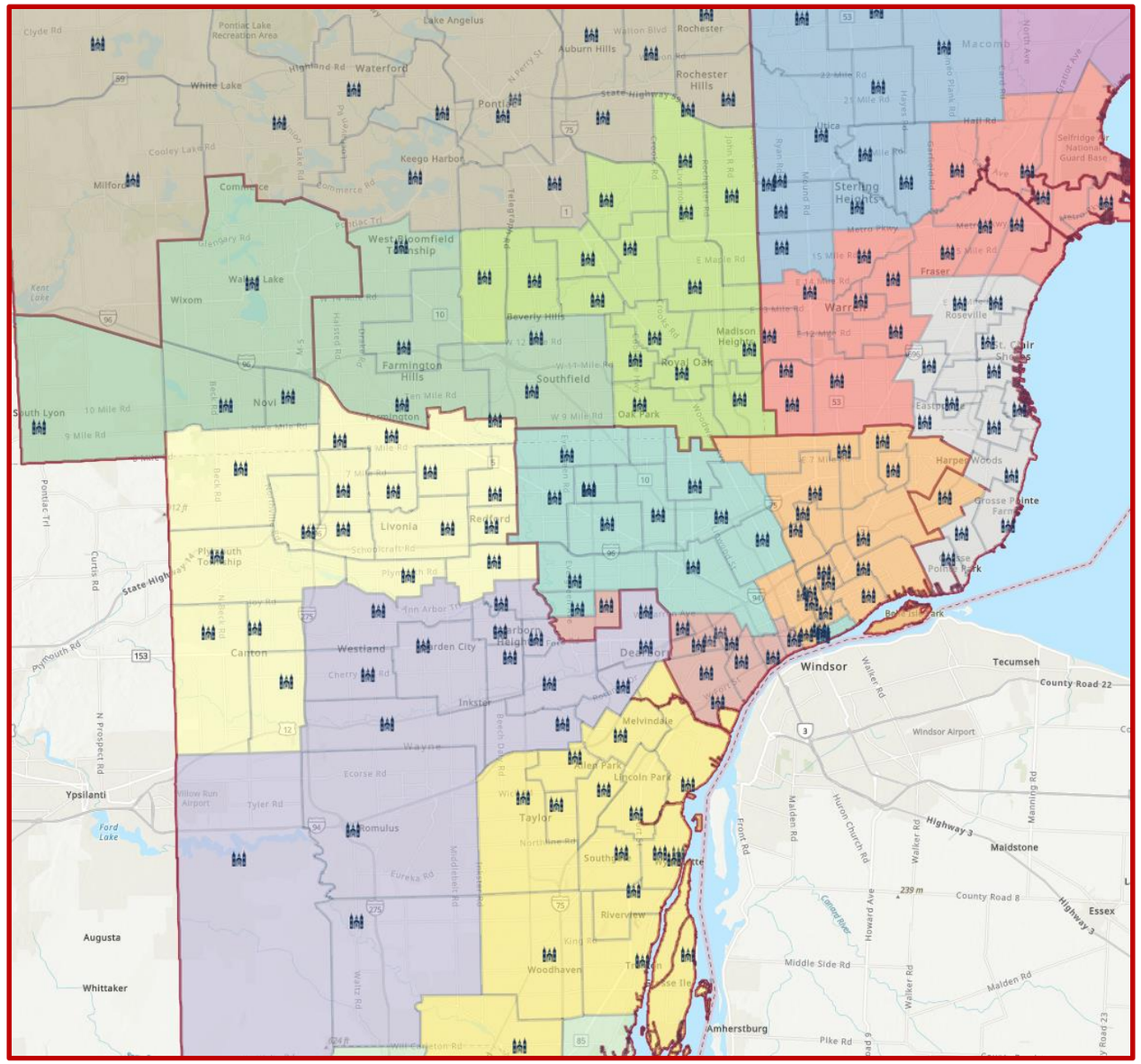
The Archdiocese of Detroit

About our Archdiocese

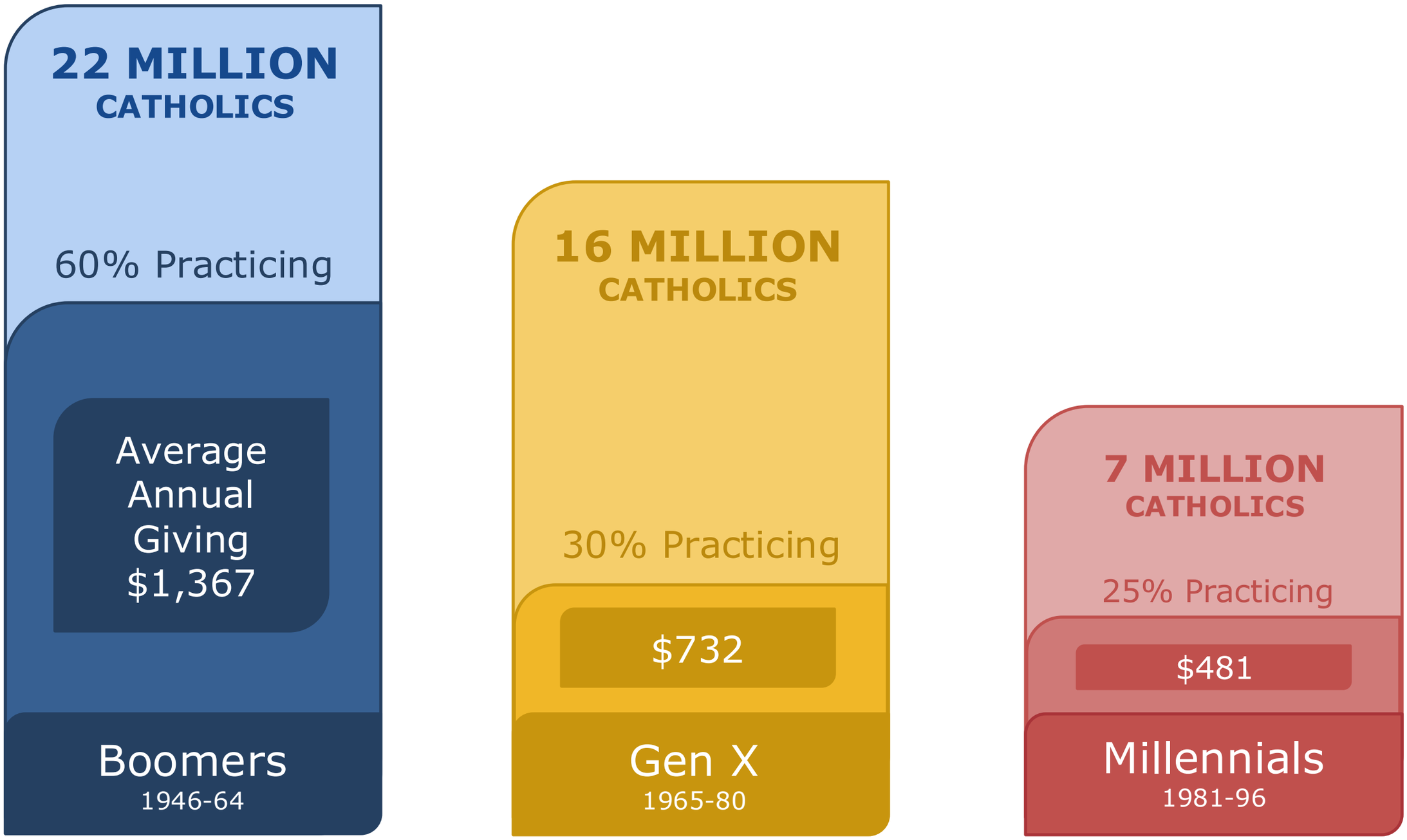
- The Archdiocese of Detroit is comprised of 209 parishes encompassing the City of Detroit and six surrounding counties – a large and diverse territory: urban, suburban and rural.
- Our local church has been declining for several decades as older Catholics move or die and there are insufficient number of young Catholics to take their place.
- This is best exemplified by the significant decline in the number of births and baptisms in our diocese.
- As our Catholic population has moved from the city to the near suburbs and from the near suburbs to the farther out suburbs, this has resulted in too few priests in large parishes and too many priests in small parishes.
- Our diocesan priests are aging and the number of priests to serve our Catholic population is declining.
- Over the past decade, Mass attendance has been on a steady decline. Despite a rebound from 2020 to 2024, Mass attendance remains 14.7% below pre-COVID levels.
- The current average rate of Mass attendance decline each year across the Archdiocese is 4%.

Our Territory for Evangelization



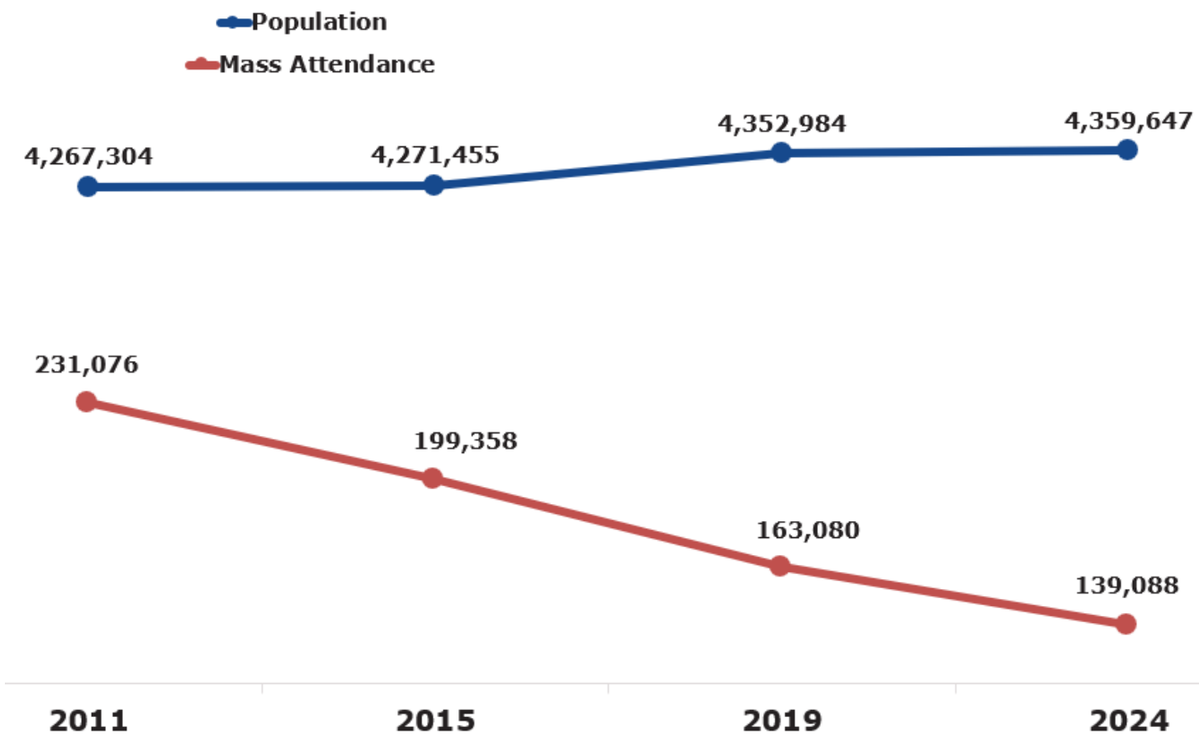


Nationally, Practice and Generosity are Declining with Each Generation



Source: Catholic Leadership Institute | CARA | Pew Research

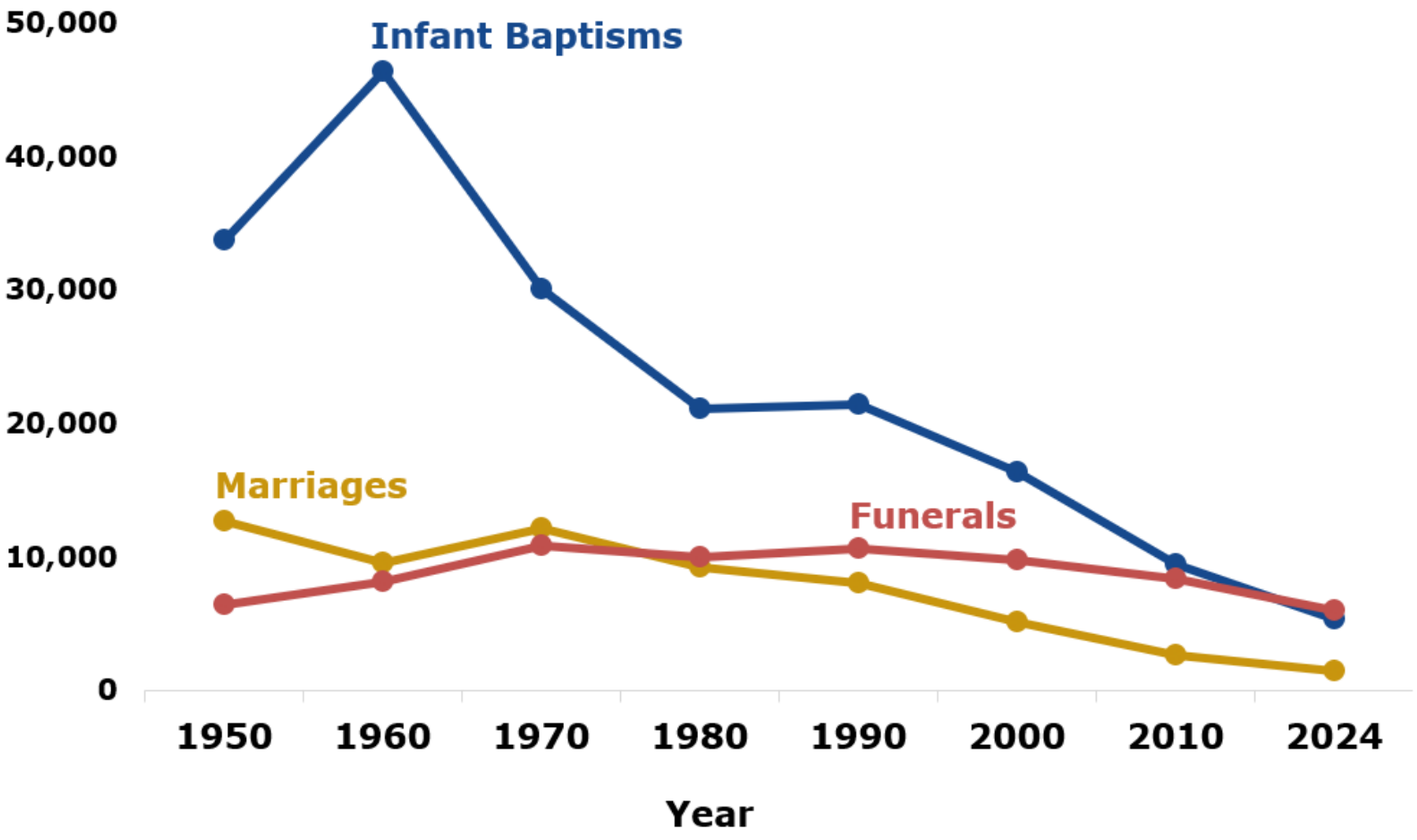
As Greater Detroit Population Grows, Regular Mass Attendance Continues to Decline



Population Source: Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency

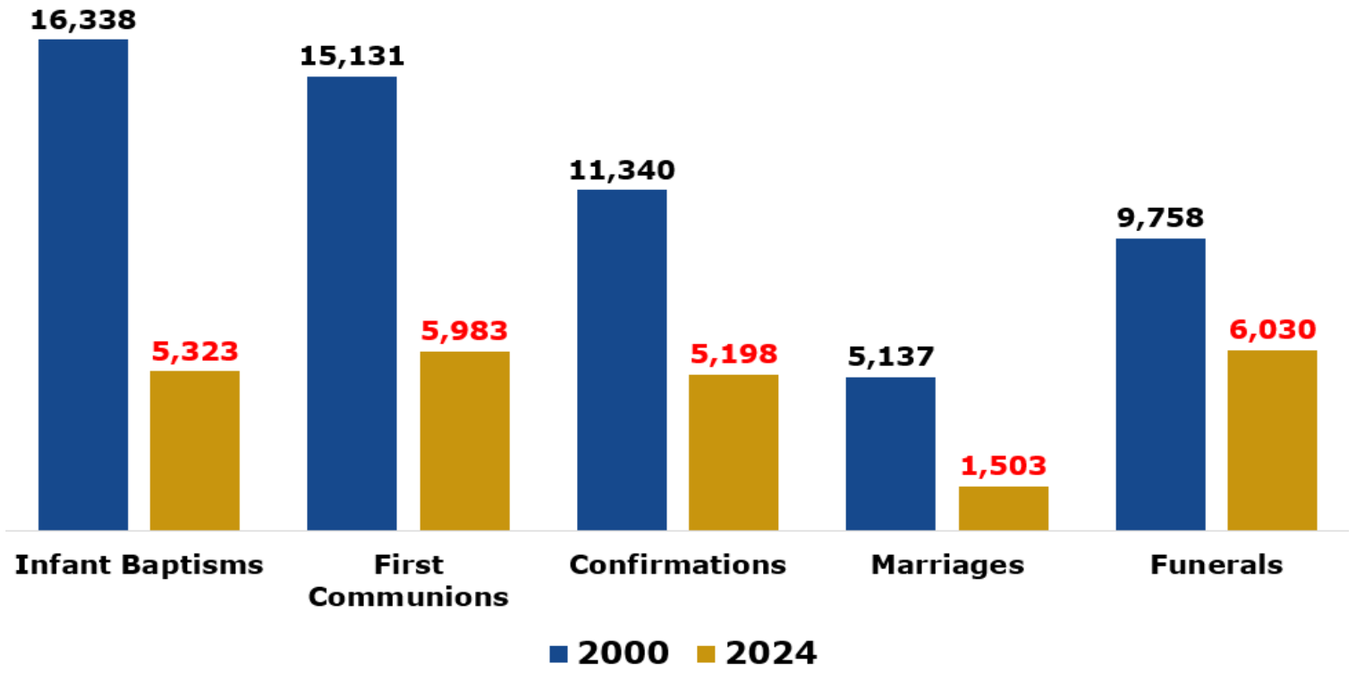
- **Mass attendance has declined by nearly 92,000 people since 2011, dropping from 231,076 to 139,088 by 2024 – a 40% decrease in just 13 years.**
- The decline is persistent across every period, not a one-time drop:
  - 2011 -> 2015: down 31,718 (-13.7%)
  - 2015 -> 2019: down 36,278 (-18.2%)
  - 2019 -> 2024: down 23,993 (-14.7%)
- On average, Mass attendance has fallen by about 4% per year, meaning roughly 1 in every 25 regular attendees is lost annually if the trend continues.
- At the current rate of decline, one-third of today's Mass-attending Catholics will no longer be attending within the next decade.
- In 2024, only 29% of pews were occupied across the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Our Church is Growing Older, Not Younger



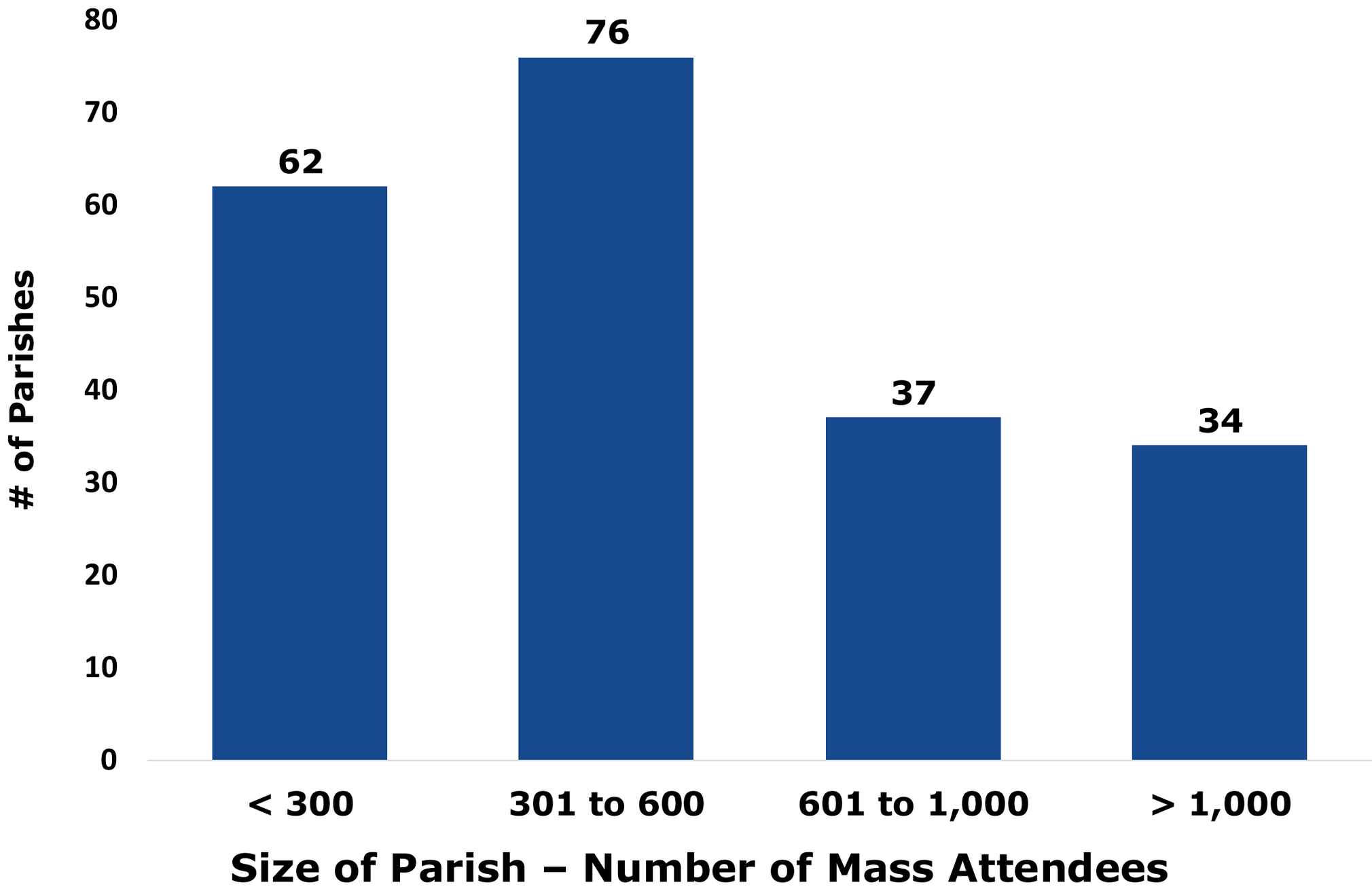
- Infant baptisms have declined the most dramatically—by roughly 60-70% from peak to present, showing a sharp and sustained drop after an early high point and signaling a major contraction in new families entering the Church sacramentally.
- Marriages have fallen by approximately 40-50% over the period shown, with a brief early increase followed by a steady, long-term decline, ending at their lowest level in the most recent year.
- Funerals have remained comparatively stable, fluctuating within roughly a 10-20% range, before tapering downward—indicating that overall sacramental life is increasingly weighted toward later stages of life rather than beginnings.

Funerals Now Exceed All Other Sacraments

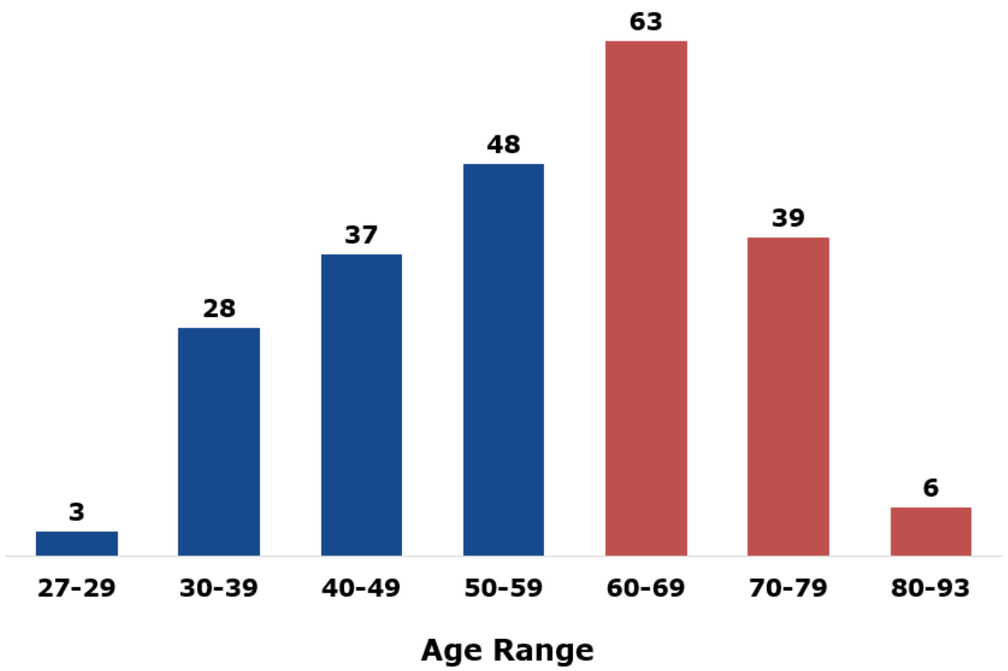


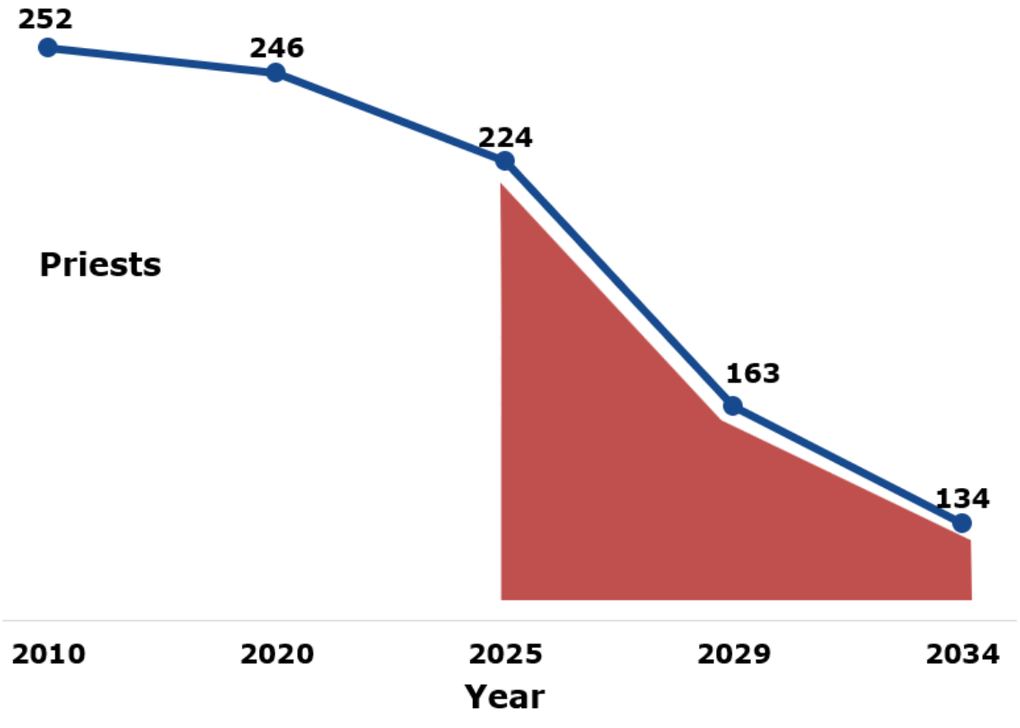
- Funerals now exceed every other sacrament at roughly 6,000 annually, surpassing baptisms, marriages, and confirmations individually.
- Baptisms and marriages remain at or below 5,000 per year, reinforcing earlier trends showing fewer people entering and forming within the Church.
- Sacramental life is increasingly concentrated at end-of-life, reflecting an aging Catholic population and a shrinking pipeline of new participants.

Today, 138 Parishes of 209 Have Under 600 Regular Mass Attendees



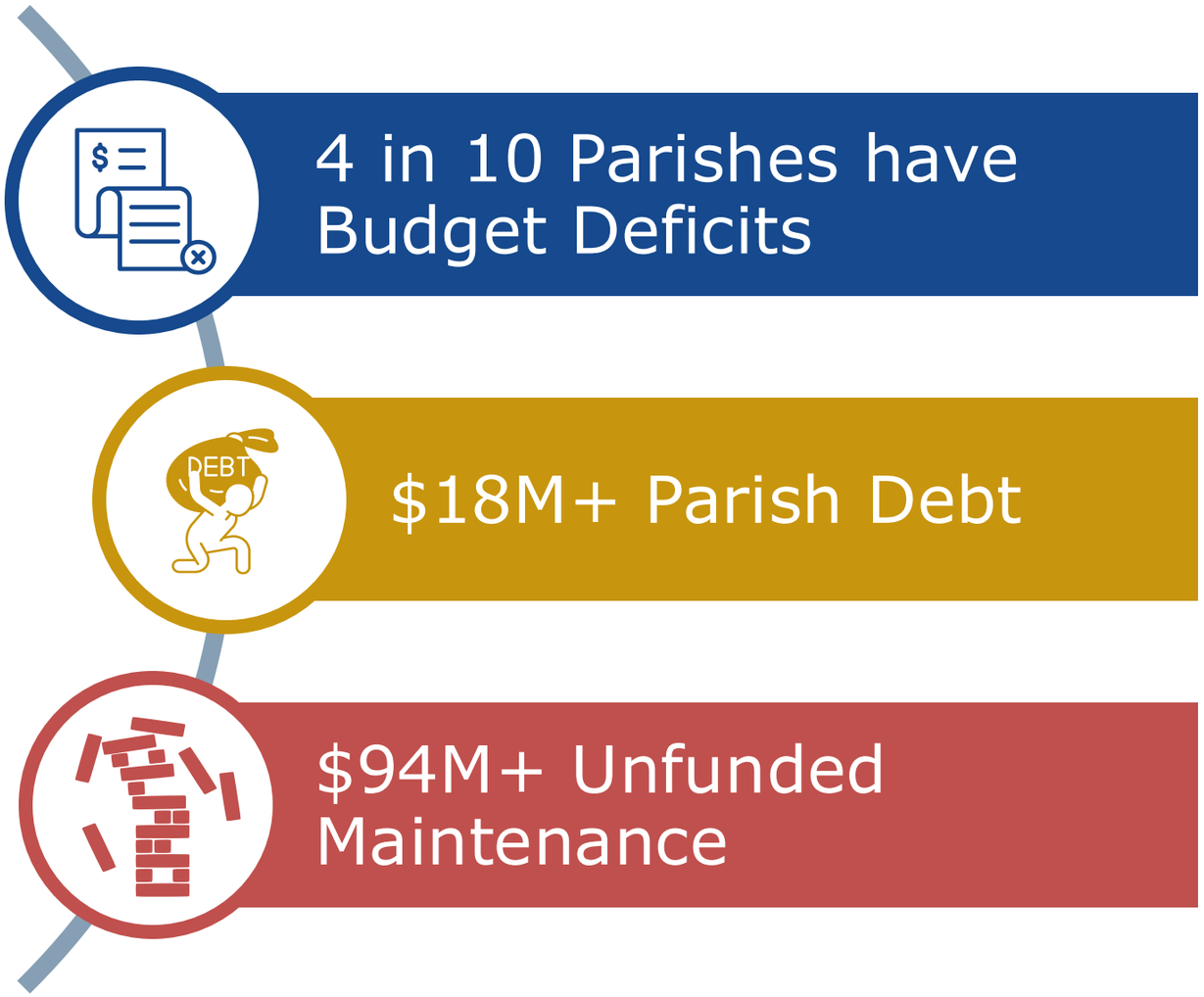
Projected Priest Supply Will Not Meet Demand





- Priests may retire from parish ministry at age 70 and must take senior status after age 80, which significantly reduces the future pool of available priests.
- The number of diocesan priests is projected to decline by roughly 25-30% over the next decade, while the diocese must continue to serve 209 parishes.
- As priests reach retirement age (70), projected supply falls below the total number of parishes, eliminating the feasibility of one priest per parish.
- The projected shortfall is equivalent to dozens of parish assignments, before accounting for parishes that require 2-3 priests.

Heavy Financial Burdens Limit Parish Freedom for Ministry and Evangelization



- With 4 in 10 parishes operating at a deficit, a growing share of parish leadership time and resources is focused on covering shortfalls rather than advancing pastoral mission.
- More than $18 million in parish debt and $94 million in unfunded maintenance are tying parish finances to buildings and past decisions instead of present evangelization and ministry.
- Financial strain increasingly directs parish energy toward sustaining facilities, limiting the capacity to invest in people, formation, and outreach central to the Church's mission.

Section Two

Planning Area 4

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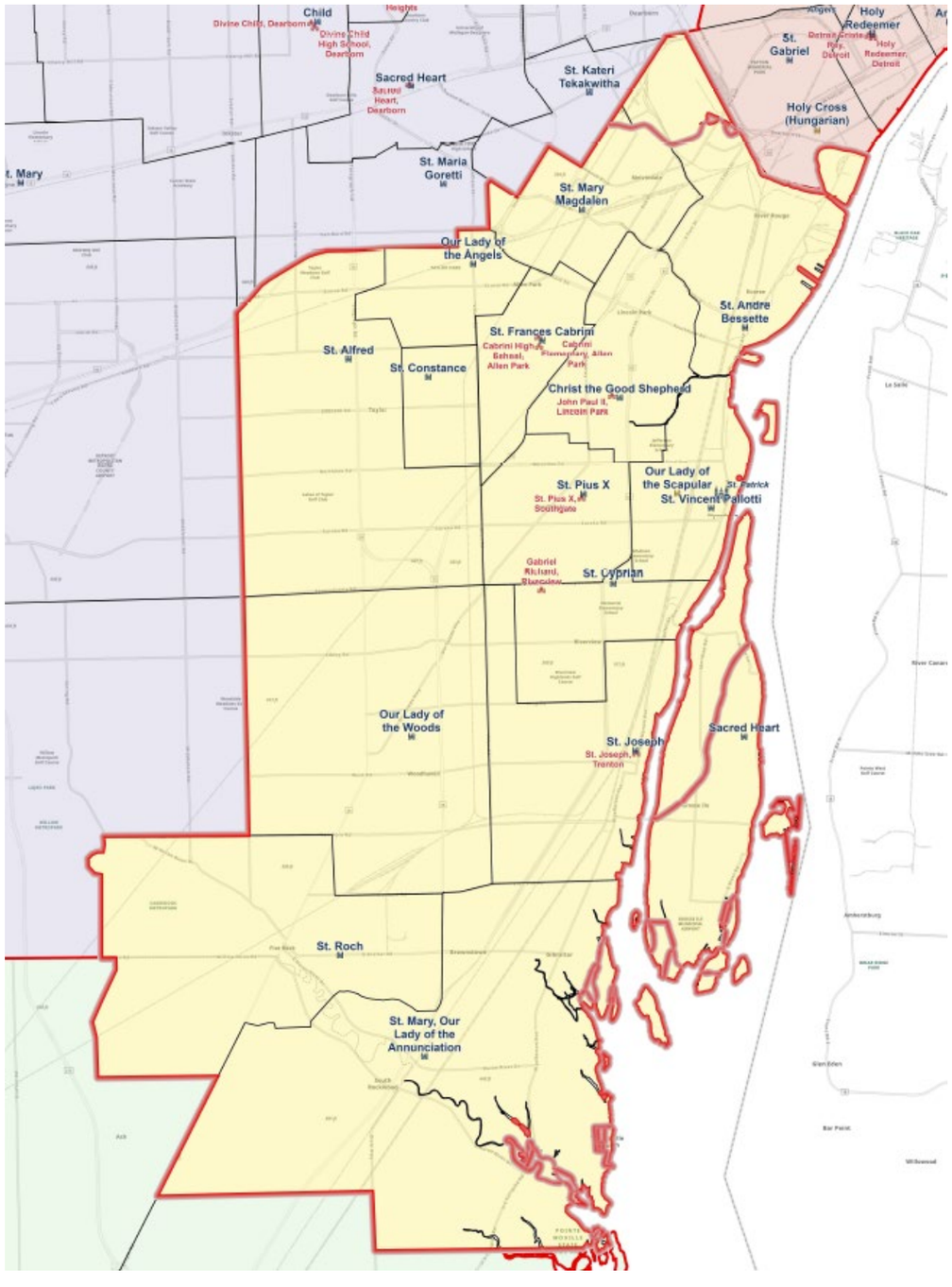

About Our Planning Area

- The planning area is in the Downriver area of Metro Detroit, within Wayne County and extends into Monroe County. Its boundaries run north–south from I-94 to the Huron River and east–west from Inkster Road to the Detroit River.

- This planning area falls within the South Region of the Archdiocese of Detroit.

- The area includes 15 territorial parishes and 1 personal parish with a total of 17 worship sites and 5 schools. It is currently served by 9 Archdiocesan priests and 4 Religious/Extern priests.

- The planning area spans roughly 17 miles north to south, about a 25-minute drive from end to end. Parishes and church buildings are more closely clustered in the suburban sections and become more spread out in the rural areas to the south, though most remain within about six miles of one another.

Demographic Trends

- Total population has remained steady (no net change since the 2010 census).
- Registered Catholic households have decreased 41% since 2010.
- 3.9% of total households in the area are registered Catholic, which is lower than the archdiocesan average of 5%.
- Median household income in the area is $66,688, which is lower than the archdiocesan average of $72,109.
- Median age is 41.1 years (up 2 years since 2010).
- The area's racial makeup has become much more diverse, with the diversity index rising from 41 to 59 (+18 points) since 2010.

US Census Data

Parish Name	Asian/Pacific Islander	Black/African American	Hispanic /Latino	Native American	Other Race	Two or More Races	White
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	0.7%	8.3%	23.0%	1.3%	10.6%	12.2%	66.9%
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	0.3%	4.3%	11.0%	0.1%	1.8%	9.4%	84.0%
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	5.8%	9.9%	6.7%	0.1%	2.3%	6.6%	75.3%
Sacred Heart Parish	1.6%	2.8%	3.5%	0.4%	0.4%	4.8%	90.0%
St. Alfred Parish	2.9%	25.9%	8.8%	0.3%	2.6%	9.2%	59.1%
St. André Bessette Parish	0.1%	54.4%	16.6%	1.5%	5.5%	13.9%	24.7%
St. Constance Parish	0.5%	10.3%	5.9%	0.5%	1.6%	8.2%	78.9%
St. Cyprian Parish	0.9%	8.4%	10.5%	0.0%	2.6%	7.4%	80.7%
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	1.2%	6.6%	10.9%	0.4%	3.3%	8.5%	80.0%
St. Joseph Parish	0.7%	3.3%	6.2%	0.1%	0.5%	7.0%	88.4%
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	0.6%	10.0%	20.7%	0.1%	5.1%	8.6%	75.7%
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	1.6%	1.7%	5.5%	0.1%	0.8%	6.3%	89.4%
St. Pius X Parish	3.5%	8.8%	11.1%	0.1%	1.9%	7.7%	78.0%
St. Roch Parish	0.2%	6.5%	10.1%	0.2%	1.7%	12.7%	78.6%
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	0.7%	2.3%	8.4%	0.5%	1.8%	6.8%	87.9%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

US Census Data

Parish Name	Under Age 5	Age 5-19	Age 20-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	7.9%	19.7%	6.3%	17.4%	23.3%	12.0%	13.4%
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	5.6%	18.3%	7.3%	13.7%	25.7%	13.7%	15.8%
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	4.6%	18.5%	4.6%	12.5%	24.8%	14.8%	20.2%
Sacred Heart Parish	5.2%	15.9%	2.7%	8.3%	21.7%	17.3%	28.9%
St. Alfred Parish	7.7%	16.7%	7.1%	15.0%	22.4%	14.5%	16.6%
St. André Bessette Parish	7.4%	17.7%	6.3%	17.2%	20.5%	15.8%	15.1%
St. Constance Parish	4.8%	15.8%	6.1%	13.8%	22.0%	14.3%	23.1%
St. Cyprian Parish	7.1%	16.1%	7.7%	11.7%	22.9%	11.1%	23.3%
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	3.1%	18.2%	5.0%	12.9%	27.3%	14.3%	19.1%
St. Joseph Parish	5.0%	16.1%	4.6%	9.6%	25.4%	15.6%	23.8%
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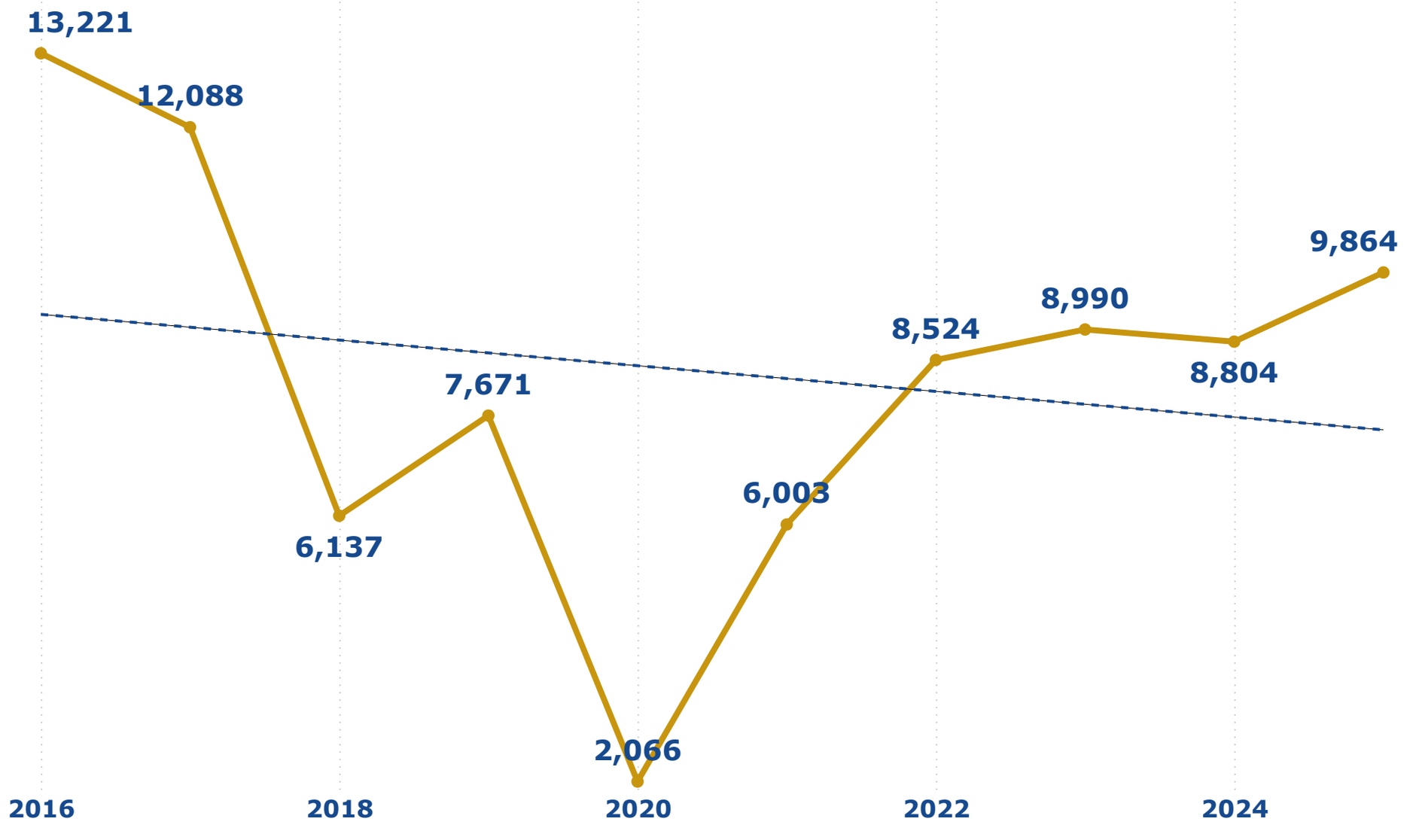
St. Pius X Parish	5.1%	17.1%	6.1%	15.6%	24.7%	12.4%	19.0%
St. Roch Parish	6.5%	21.6%	6.8%	10.4%	28.6%	12.2%	14.0%
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	5.0%	16.3%	5.3%	16.8%	23.8%	14.7%	18.0%

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Planning Area Mass Count Trend



Mass Count and Capacity (2024)

Parish Name	Worship Sites	Mass Count	Weekend Masses	Seating Capacity	Seating Capacity per Mass*
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	1	1,144	4	1,200	24%
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	1	940	3	865	36%
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	2	843	4	860	25%
St. André Bessette Parish	1	719	3	650	37%
St. Joseph Parish	1	634	3	500	42%
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	1	631	3	350	60%
St. Alfred Parish	1	565	2	600	47%
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	1	557	3	780	24%
St. Pius X Parish	1	471	3	620	25%
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	1	422	3	450	31%
St. Cyprian Parish	1	422	2	700	30%
Sacred Heart Parish	1	359	2	650	28%
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish	1	355	3	832	14%
St. Roch Parish	1	313	2	450	35%
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	1	224	1	800	28%
St. Constance Parish	1	205	1	400	51%

*(Seating Capacity × Weekend Masses) ÷ Total Mass Count

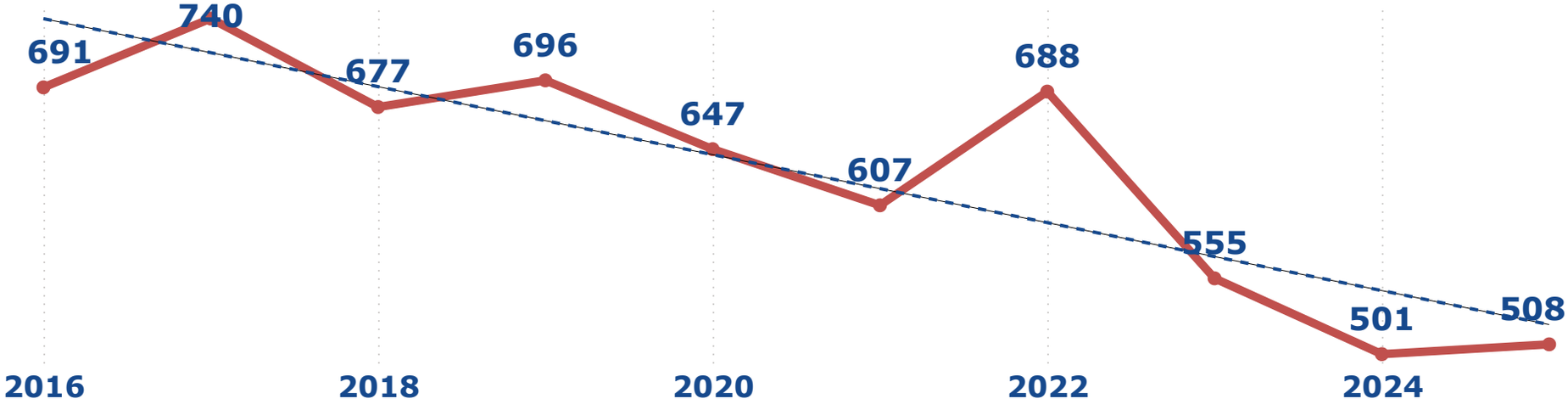
Where Parishioners Live

Parish Name	Within Parish Boundary	Within Parish (%)	Within Region Boundary	Within Region (%)	Outside Region Boundary	Outside Region (%)
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	475	63%	271	36%	13	2%
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	244	42%	313	54%	18	3%
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish			547	97%	15	3%
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	439	55%	360	45%	6	1%
Sacred Heart Parish	591	89%	63	10%	9	1%
St. Alfred Parish	438	48%	411	45%	72	8%
St. André Bessette Parish	139	23%	437	71%	38	6%
St. Constance Parish	63	18%	287	82%		
St. Cyprian Parish	265	37%	433	61%	12	2%
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	771	51%	700	46%	36	2%
St. Joseph Parish	516	55%	411	44%	13	1%
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	265	59%	140	31%	41	9%
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	319	54%	269	45%	4	1%
St. Pius X Parish	449	53%	383	45%	10	1%
St. Roch Parish	192	32%	399	67%	3	1%
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	442	44%	533	54%	19	2%

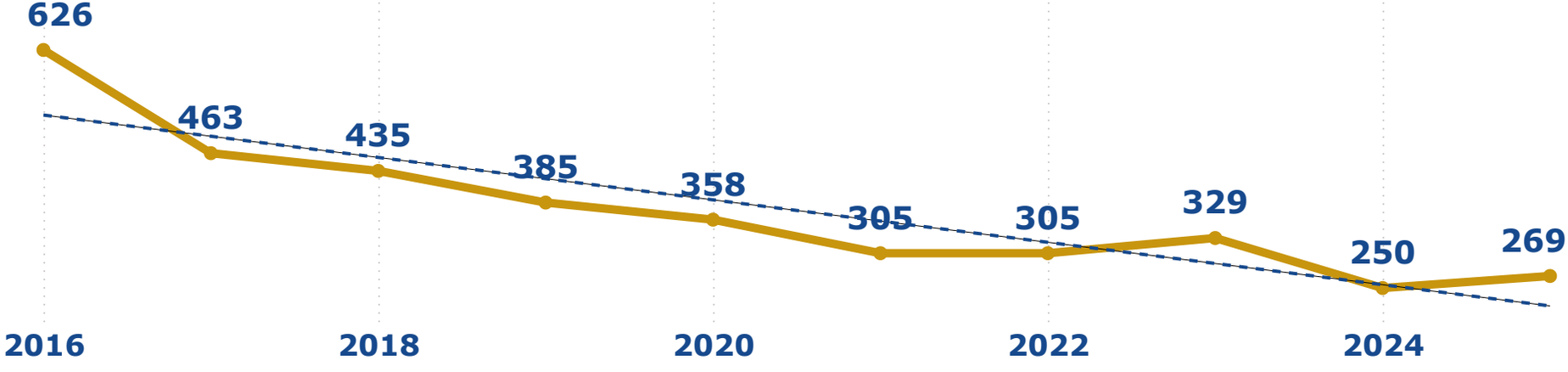
Region references the four administrative areas of the AOD-Central, South, Northwest, Northeast

Planning Area Baptisms and Funerals

Funerals



Baptisms



Sacramental Activity (2024)

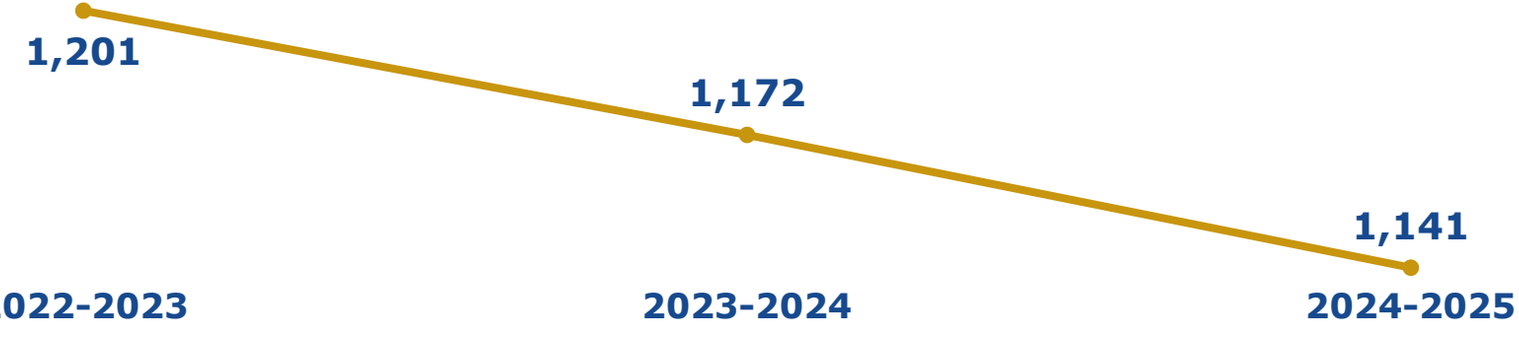
Parish Name	Funerals	Baptisms	Marriages	Confirmations	First Communions	OCIA*
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	61	38	7	97	107	16
St. André Bessette Parish	21	37	7	29	40	13
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	109	31	9	21	20	8
St. Joseph Parish	27	26	4	33	42	3
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	23	21	7	25	19	4
St. Alfred Parish	18	18	1	25	25	8
St. Pius X Parish	38	15	2	23	25	6
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	18	10	2	30	32	19
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish	38	9	14	4	7	1
St. Cyprian Parish	35	9	1	11	10	0
St. Roch Parish	7	9	2	15	26	0
Sacred Heart Parish	21	7	2	21	12	4
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	29	6	2	32	31	5
St. Constance Parish	19	6	1	9	10	1
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	11	6	0	0	0	22
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	26	2	1	0	0	0

*OCIA includes adult baptisms, communions, and confirmations.

Planning Area School Enrollment

Parish and School	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish			
St. John Paul II Classical School	103	106	81
St. Frances Cabrini Parish			
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Grade School	268	273	278
St. Frances Cabrini Catholic High School and Academy	307	281	269
St. Joseph Parish			
St. Joseph School - Trenton	223	224	217
St. Pius X Parish			
St. Pius Catholic School	300	288	296

School Enrollment Trend



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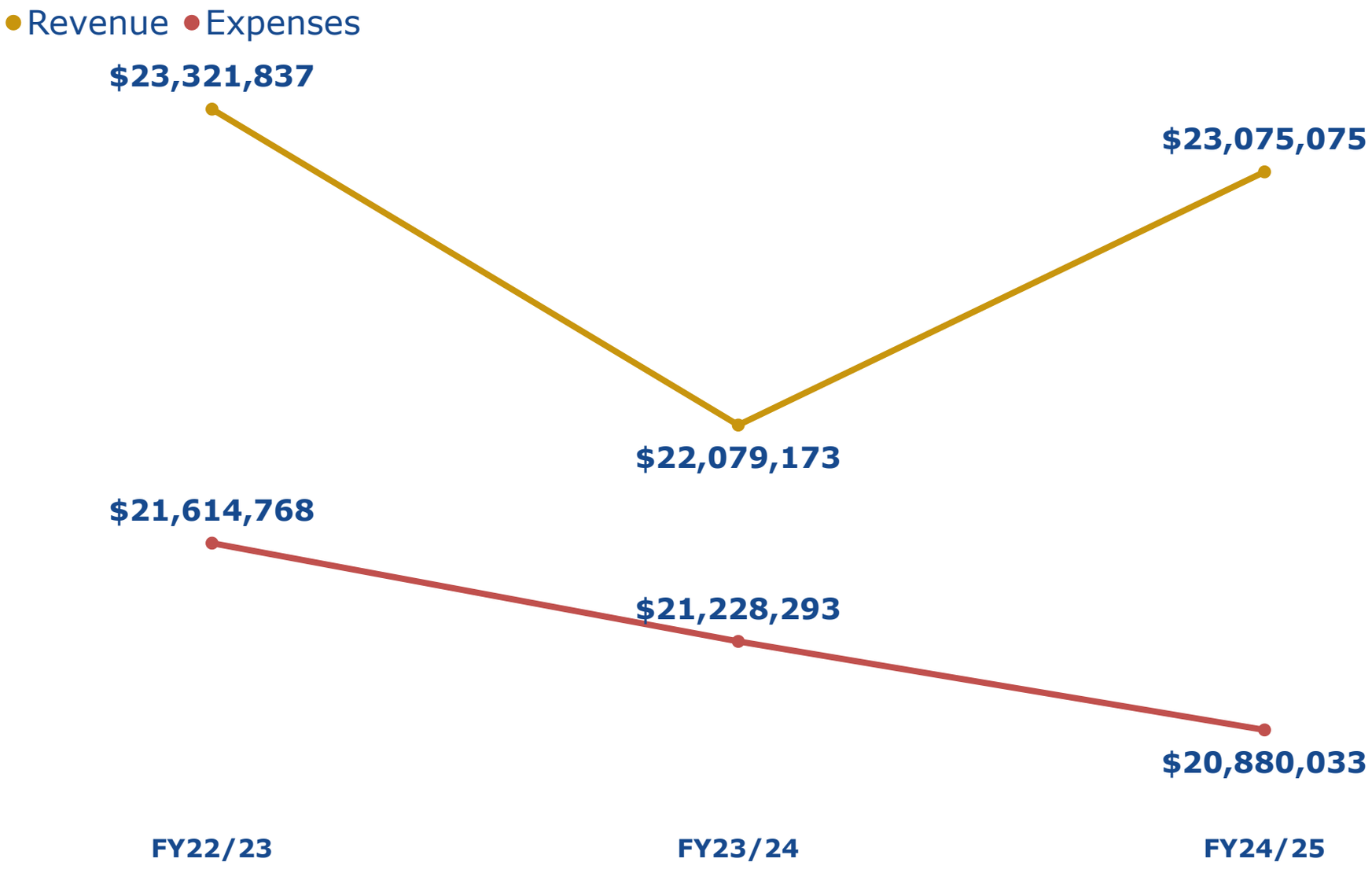
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Planning Area Financial Trend



Revenue Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Collections	Rental Income	Fundraising	Tuition & Fees	Other	Total Revenue
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	$553,195	$0	$66,996	$341,940	$1,068,882	$2,031,012
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	$453,421	$88,546	$130,595	$0	$100,588	$773,150
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish	$574,517	$78,825	$248,950	$0	$299,897	$1,202,189
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	$859,565	$600	$110,534	$16,830	$88,226	$1,075,755
Sacred Heart Parish	$654,320	$1,900	$472,804	$19,230	$227,705	$1,375,959
St. Alfred Parish	$351,348	$18,799	$221,935	$0	$85,961	$678,042
St. André Bessette Parish	$370,801	$1,550	$219,059	$11,240	$27,782	$630,433
St. Constance Parish	$277,902	$2,210	$135	$0	$11,445	$291,691
St. Cyprian Parish	$537,814	$75,000	$32,286	$5,919	$43,585	$694,605
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	$1,434,499	$0	$738,088	$2,973,522	$889,324	$6,035,433
St. Joseph Parish	$789,988	$3,000	$135,629	$778,065	$420,253	$2,126,935
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$223,774	$13,000	$75	$0	$60,352	$297,201
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	$714,911	$18,000	$19,842	$4,130	$227,168	$984,051
St. Pius X Parish	$627,993	$0	$245,030	$1,198,015	$1,008,392	$3,079,429
St. Roch Parish	$477,160	$1,050	$0	$8,454	$20,749	$507,412
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	$802,745	$1,680	$114,945	$13,380	$359,028	$1,291,777

Expense Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Salary & Benefits	Contractors	Facilities	Other	Capital Expenditures	Total Expenses
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	$921,808	$64,833	$268,400	$271,437	$40,513	$1,566,990
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	$267,653	$20,954	$162,363	$188,718	$36,355	$676,042
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish	$286,503	$104,682	$185,705	$296,501	$17,444	$890,834
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	$376,627	$56,111	$195,624	$254,426	$113,915	$996,703
Sacred Heart Parish	$419,680	$29,134	$159,737	$131,249	$65,172	$804,972
St. Alfred Parish	$189,861	$59,999	$75,964	$131,935	$23,555	$481,314
St. André Bessette Parish	$183,342	$33,517	$118,893	$130,379	$374,471	$840,602
St. Constance Parish	$195,385	$29,226	$57,955	$50,205	$16,992	$349,762
St. Cyprian Parish	$338,917	$26,503	$125,186	$134,244	$3,315	$628,165
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	$3,527,327	$329,486	$545,384	$1,270,975	$564,261	$6,237,432
St. Joseph Parish	$1,159,471	$122,748	$268,123	$319,763	$238,113	$2,108,218
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$172,973	$33,895	$106,083	$77,942	$122,163	$513,056
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	$234,865	$28,573	$127,404	$201,577	$50,535	$642,954
St. Pius X Parish	$1,729,127	$112,987	$300,818	$355,040	$124,639	$2,622,612
St. Roch Parish	$254,765	$8,445	$102,342	$73,905	$42,007	$481,464
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	$392,105	$52,377	$189,312	$246,802	$158,314	$1,038,910

Revenue and Expenses Trend

Fiscal Year	FY22/23			FY23/24			FY24/25		
Parish Name	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)	Revenue	Expenses	Net Surplus (Deficit)
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	$1,373,555	$1,548,234	($174,679)	$1,402,172	$1,657,268	($255,096)	$2,031,012	$1,566,990	$464,021
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	$740,207	$612,490	$127,717	$796,249	$726,494	$69,755	$773,150	$676,042	$97,108
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish	$946,248	$847,251	$98,996	$1,005,319	$870,314	$135,005	$1,202,189	$890,834	$311,355
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	$850,312	$922,326	($72,014)	$898,894	$1,041,846	($142,953)	$1,075,755	$996,703	$79,052
Sacred Heart Parish	$767,256	$839,853	($72,597)	$817,562	$806,632	$10,930	$1,375,959	$804,972	$570,987
St. Alfred Parish	$696,153	$568,479	$127,674	$714,972	$633,598	$81,374	$678,042	$481,314	$196,729
St. André Bessette Parish	$544,193	$538,243	$5,950	$592,675	$508,363	$84,312	$630,433	$840,602	($210,169)
St. Constance Parish	$310,103	$341,092	($30,989)	$376,391	$292,936	$83,456	$291,691	$349,762	($58,071)
St. Cyprian Parish	$633,244	$682,524	($49,280)	$641,799	$612,502	$29,297	$694,605	$628,165	$66,440
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	$8,023,703	$7,119,136	$904,567	$7,078,255	$6,218,410	$859,845	$6,035,433	$6,237,432	($202,000)
St. Joseph Parish	$1,807,041	$1,595,828	$211,212	$1,967,504	$1,875,851	$91,652	$2,126,935	$2,108,218	$18,717
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$1,257,475	$550,489	$706,986	$364,718	$483,467	($118,749)	$297,201	$513,056	($215,855)
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	$804,034	$632,456	$171,578	$844,767	$639,894	$204,874	$984,051	$642,954	$341,097
St. Pius X Parish	$2,749,334	$2,645,845	$103,490	$2,888,191	$2,677,330	$210,861	$3,079,429	$2,622,612	$456,817
St. Roch Parish	$561,659	$521,612	$40,047	$501,330	$527,293	($25,962)	$507,412	$481,464	$25,948
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	$1,257,322	$1,648,911	($391,589)	$1,188,375	$1,656,096	($467,721)	$1,291,777	$1,038,910	$252,867

Asset & Liability Summary (FY 24/25)

Parish Name	Unrestricted Cash/Savings	Restricted Savings	Bills Due	Payable Loans	Net Equity
Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	$93,218	$0	$74,813	$0	$2,137,212
Our Lady of the Angels Parish	$1,417,023	$0	$0	$0	$1,417,023
Our Lady of the Scapular Parish	$504,948	$0	$466,325	$41,927	($3,304)
Our Lady of the Woods Parish	$798,430	$0	$3,878	$0	$794,853
Sacred Heart Parish	$796,096	$454,962	($0)	$0	$1,253,316
St. Alfred Parish	$2,110,787	$8,197	$30,337	$0	$2,160,301
St. André Bessette Parish	$1,227,486	$0	$580	$0	$1,223,341
St. Constance Parish	$299,098	$0	$13,069	$0	$284,567
St. Cyprian Parish	$544,980	$40,053	$7,311	$0	$593,549
St. Frances Cabrini Parish	$1,183,304	$0	$1,342,517	$19,342	$452,424
St. Joseph Parish	$1,137,160	$0	$3,419	$640,447	($328,894)
St. Mary Magdalen Parish	$1,876,159	$54,874	$2,888	$0	$2,031,745
St. Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish	$1,807,076	$0	$242	$0	$1,751,948
St. Pius X Parish	$2,002,550	$1,148,481	$31,632	$0	$4,029,152
St. Roch Parish	$317,276	$104,894	$6,885	$0	$415,766
St. Vincent Pallotti Parish	$267,974	$0	($0)	$0	$2,083,219

Section Three

St. André Bessette Parish

Ecorse

Parish History

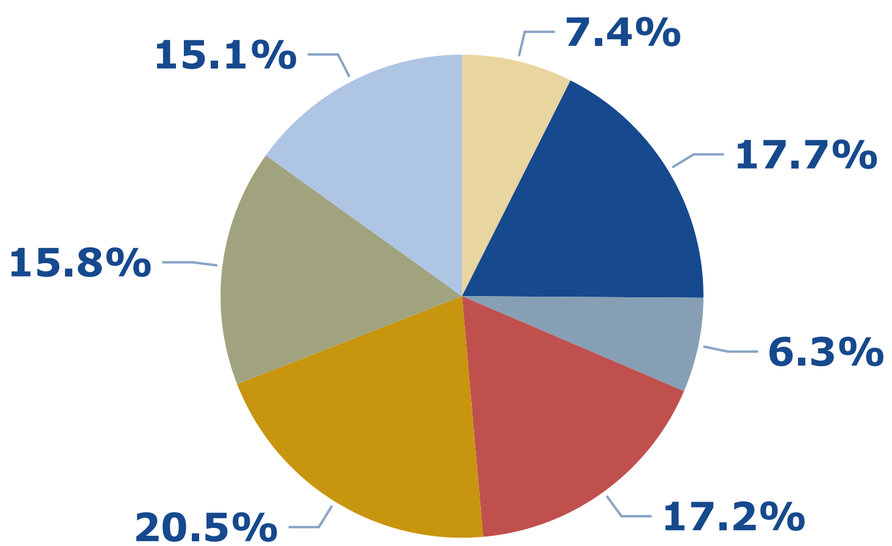
St. André Bessette Parish in Ecorse was established in July 2012 through the merger of St. Francis Xavier in Ecorse and Our Lady of Lourdes in River Rouge. The newly formed parish was named by Archbishop Allen Vigneron, with input from parishioners, and located on the grounds of the former St. Francis Xavier Church. The parish carries forward a legacy dating back to the 1800s, originally serving French, Canadian, and Polish immigrants, and now welcoming a growing Hispanic population. As the only Catholic church in River Rouge and Ecorse, it remains a vital spiritual and cultural center for the community. In 2024, the Saints Andrew and Benedict Parish was merged with St. André Bessette Parish. Saints Andrew and Benedict church building was relegated to secular but respectful use, meaning it is no longer used for worship but remains preserved for community benefit. In April 2025, a revised and condensed Mass schedule was implemented at St. André Bessette, alongside adjustments to Mass times at other parishes within the Family of Parishes. The parish currently offers two English masses and one Bilingual English/Spanish mass.

Guided by its mission to build a community of love, healing, and holiness rooted in Jesus Christ, St. André Bessette Parish fosters faith through vibrant liturgies, inclusive outreach, and strong family support. Parishioners encounter Christ through programs like Religious Education, Divino Amor, ChristNet, St. Vincent de Paul, Strangers No Longer, and the Advent Giving Tree, while the spirit-filled volunteer base quietly evangelizes through service. In 2025, the St. Andre Bessette Youth Discipleship Formation Program (formerly known as Religious Education) and St Frances Cabrini in Allen Park hired one Director to oversee the two individual programs and now offer classes at both sites. This also includes youth ministry and sacramental prep for high school students. Growth is nurtured through weekly prayer groups, youth and children’s ministries, and adult Bible studies. Known for its radical hospitality, the parish opens its doors to all, especially those in need, and continues to unite cultures and generations through festivals, dinners, and compassionate outreach.

US Census Data (Parish Boundary)

Age

- Under 5
- 5-19
- 20-24
- 25-34
- 35-54
- 55-64
- 65+



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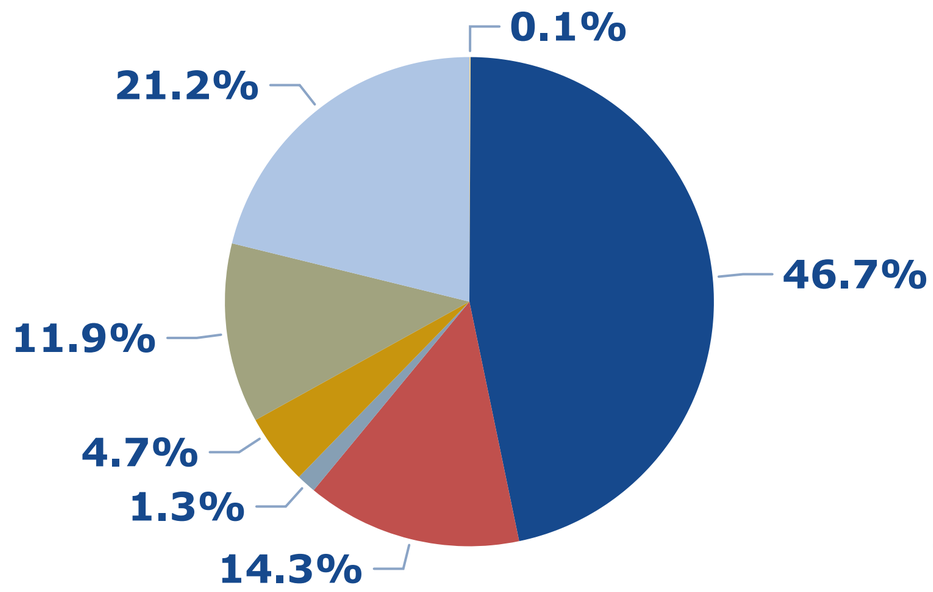
Median Age

Race/Ethnicity

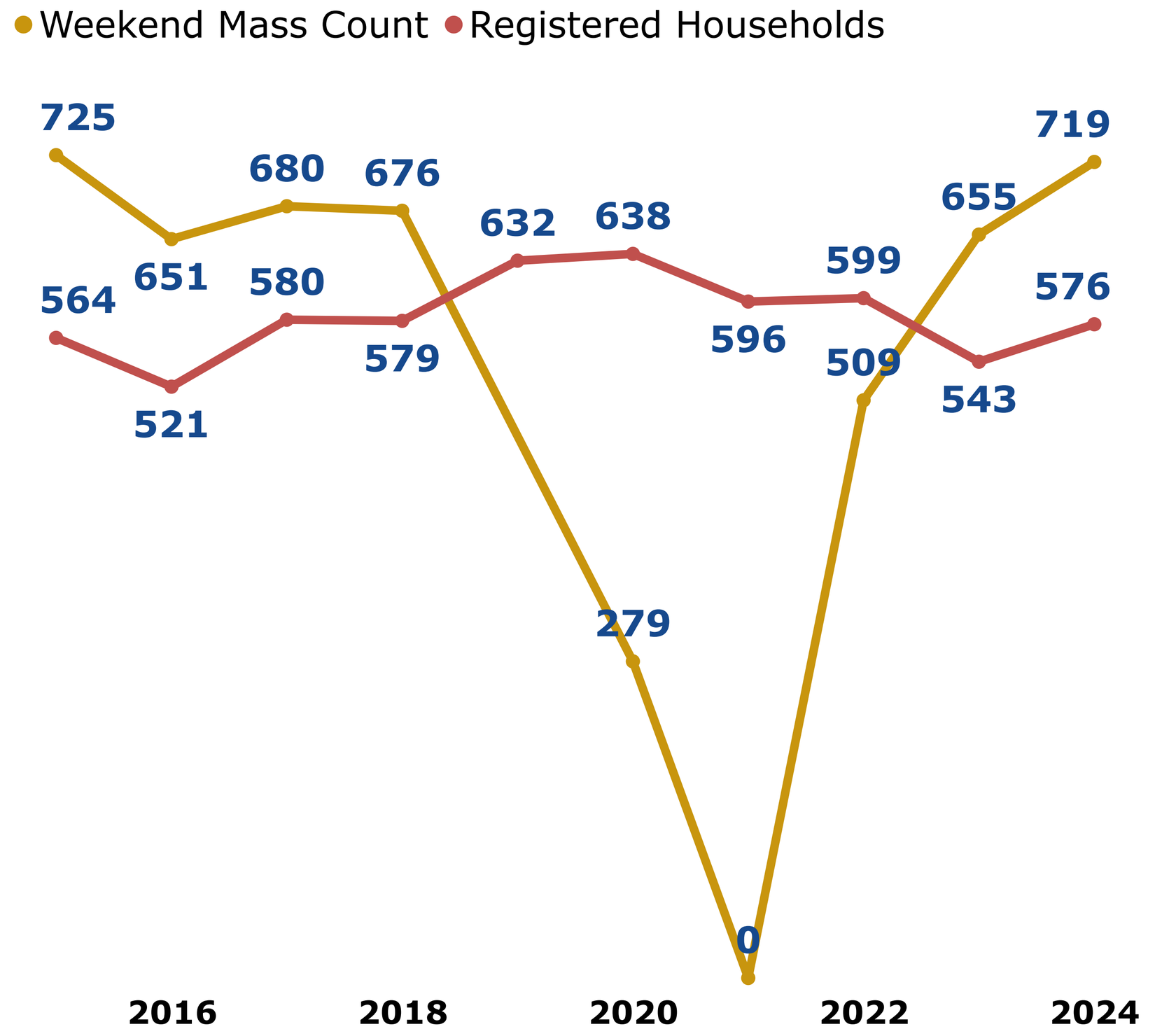
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Native American
- Other Race
- Two or More Races
- White



26,472
Total Population

Source: ACS 2023 (5 Year Average)

Worshipping Households



Number of worship sites

1

Number of weekend masses

3

Seating capacity

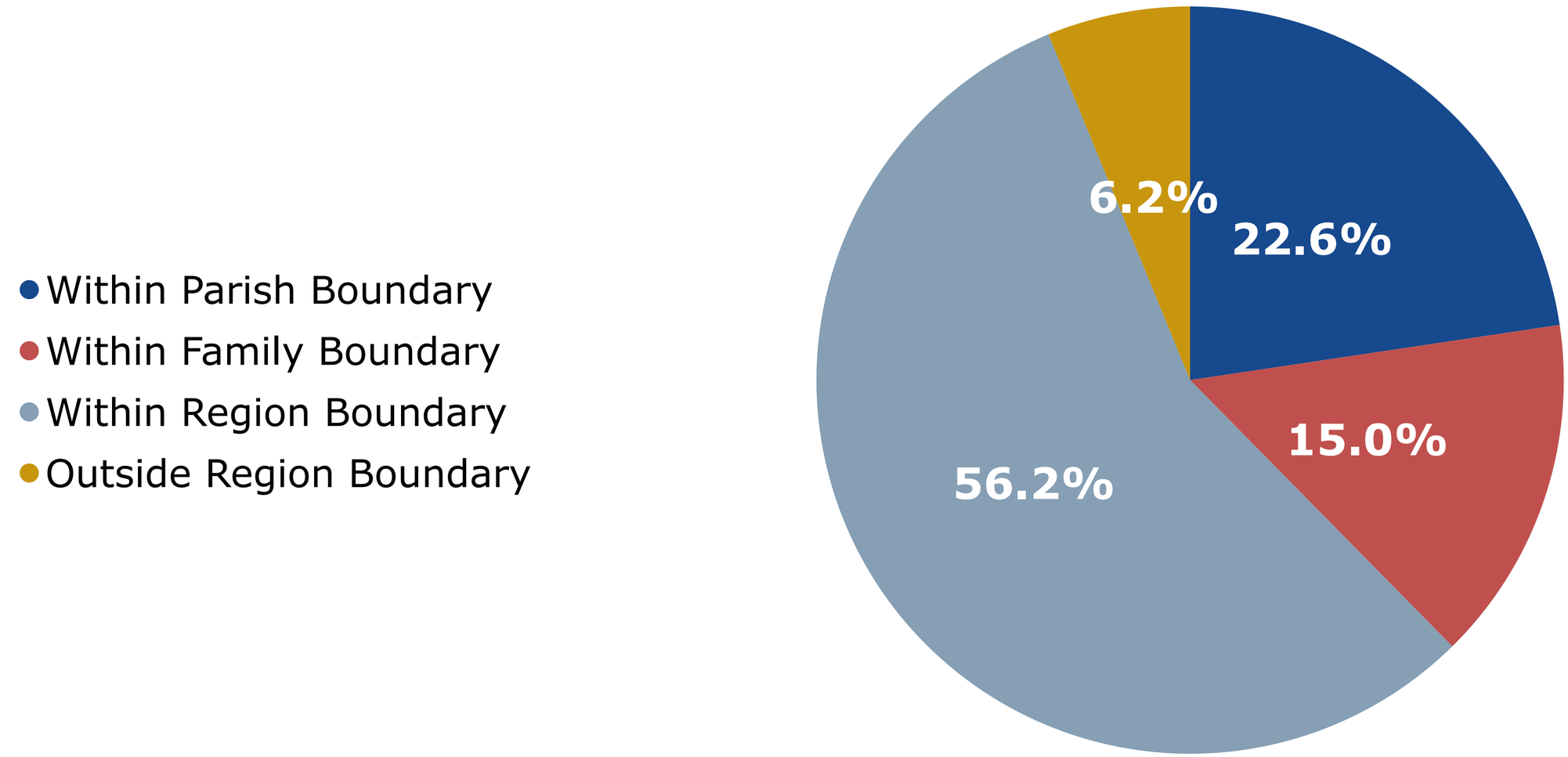
650

Mass attendance as a percent of capacity

37%

Source: ParishSoft and Parish Reported to AOD

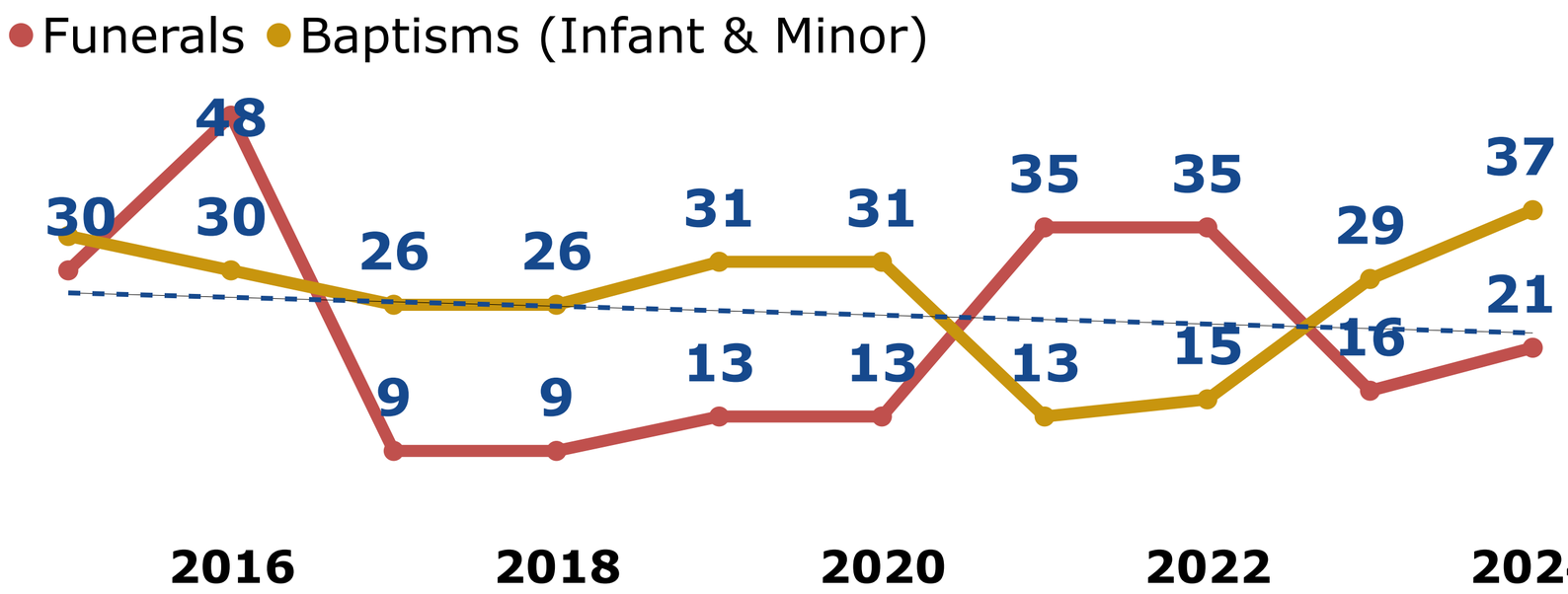
Where Parishioners Live



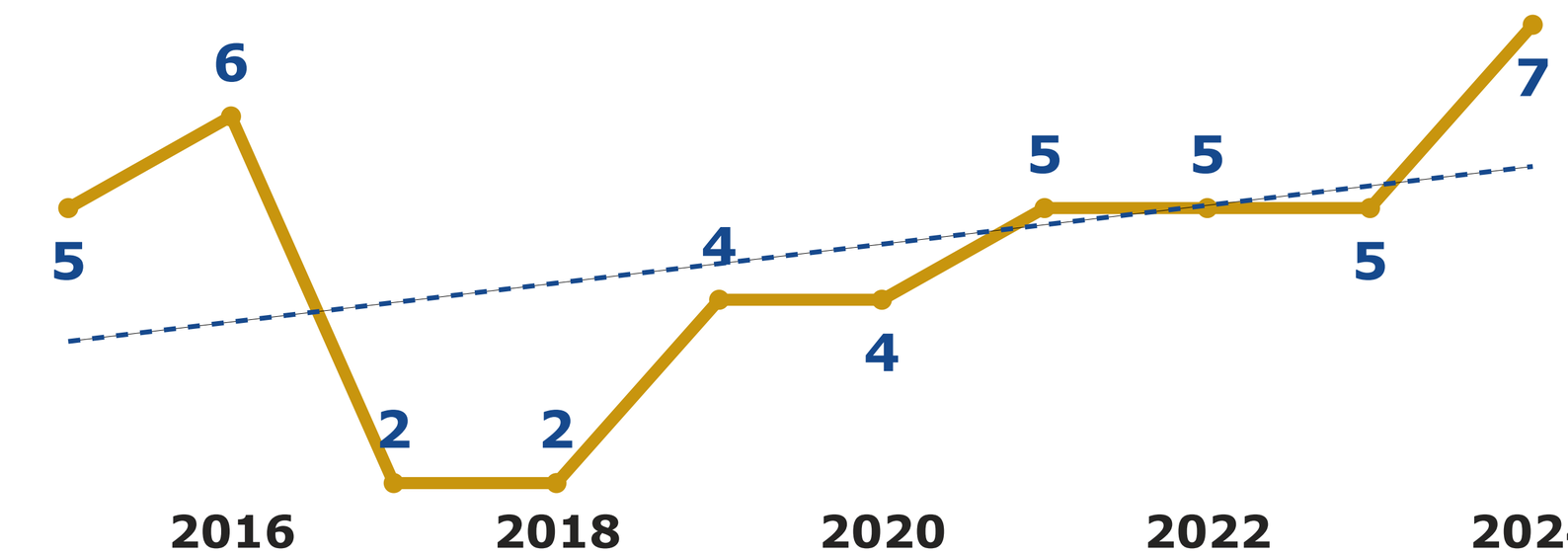
Source: ParishSoft

Sacraments of Life Trend

Funerals and Baptisms



Marriage Trend



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Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Percent Change 2015-2024

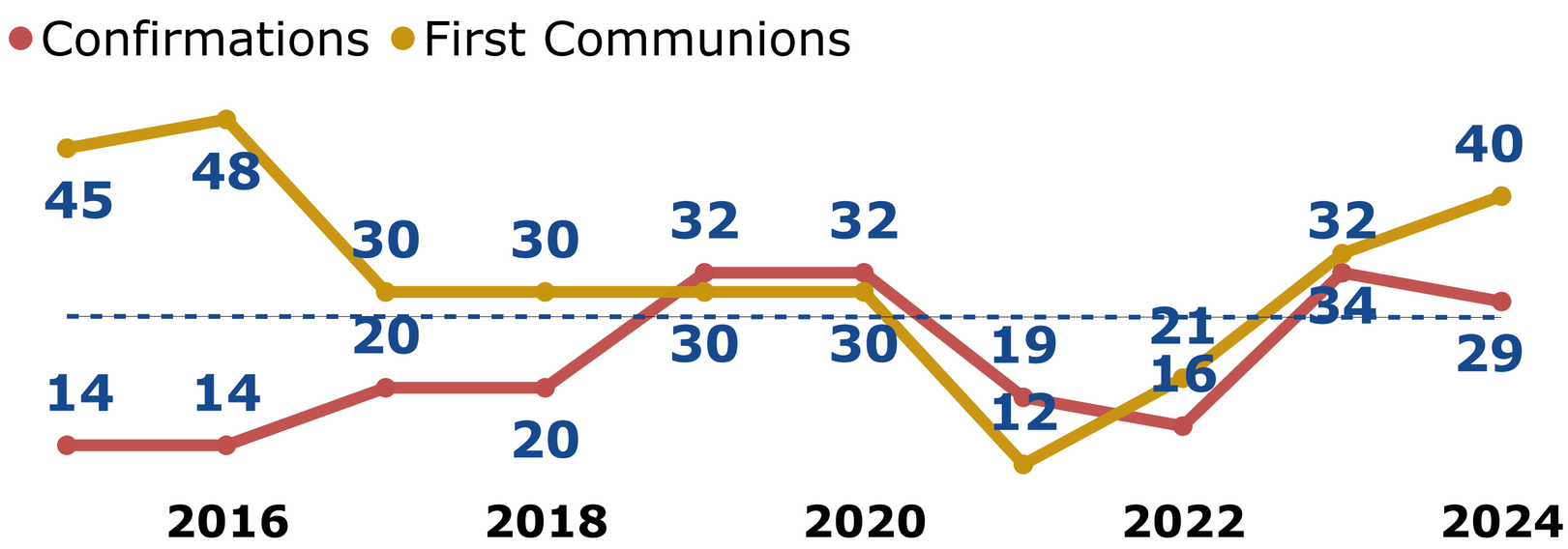
Funerals
-30.0%

Infant & Minor Baptisms
8.8%

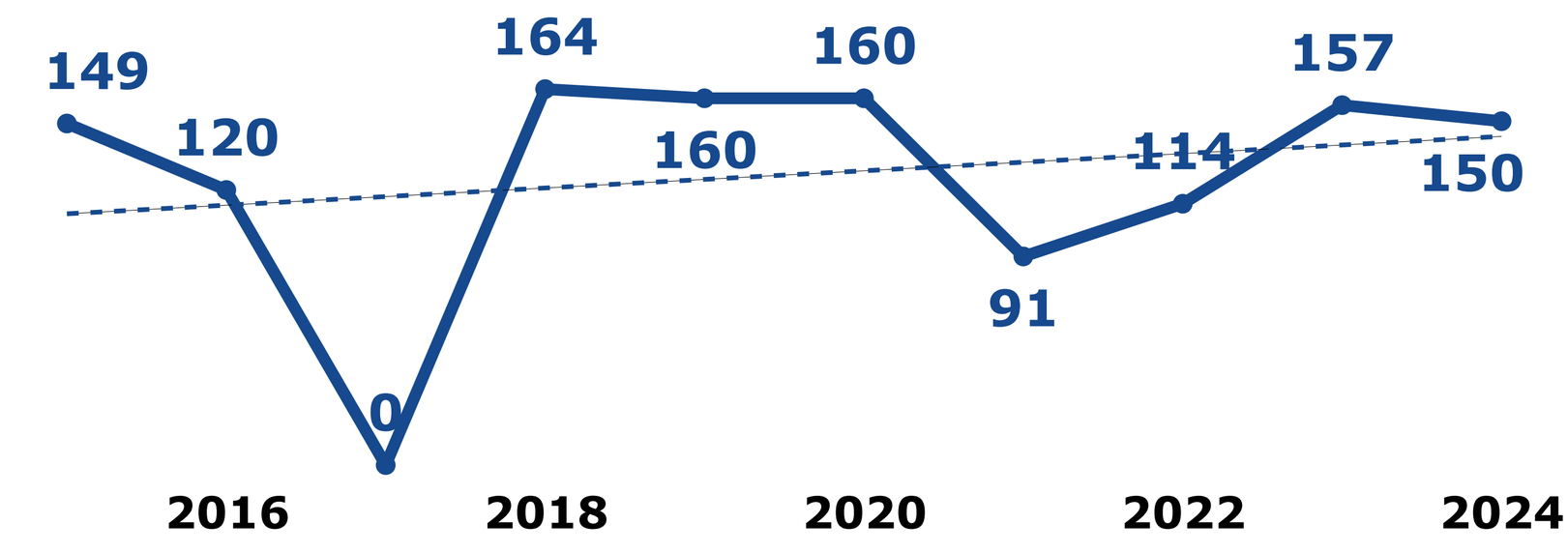
Marriages
40.0%

Youth Evangelization

Sacramental Trend



Religious Education Enrollment



*Parishes with a school may have included school religious education in the total enrollment number

Percent Change 2015-2024

Confirmations
107.1%

First Communions
-11.1%

Religious Education
0.7%

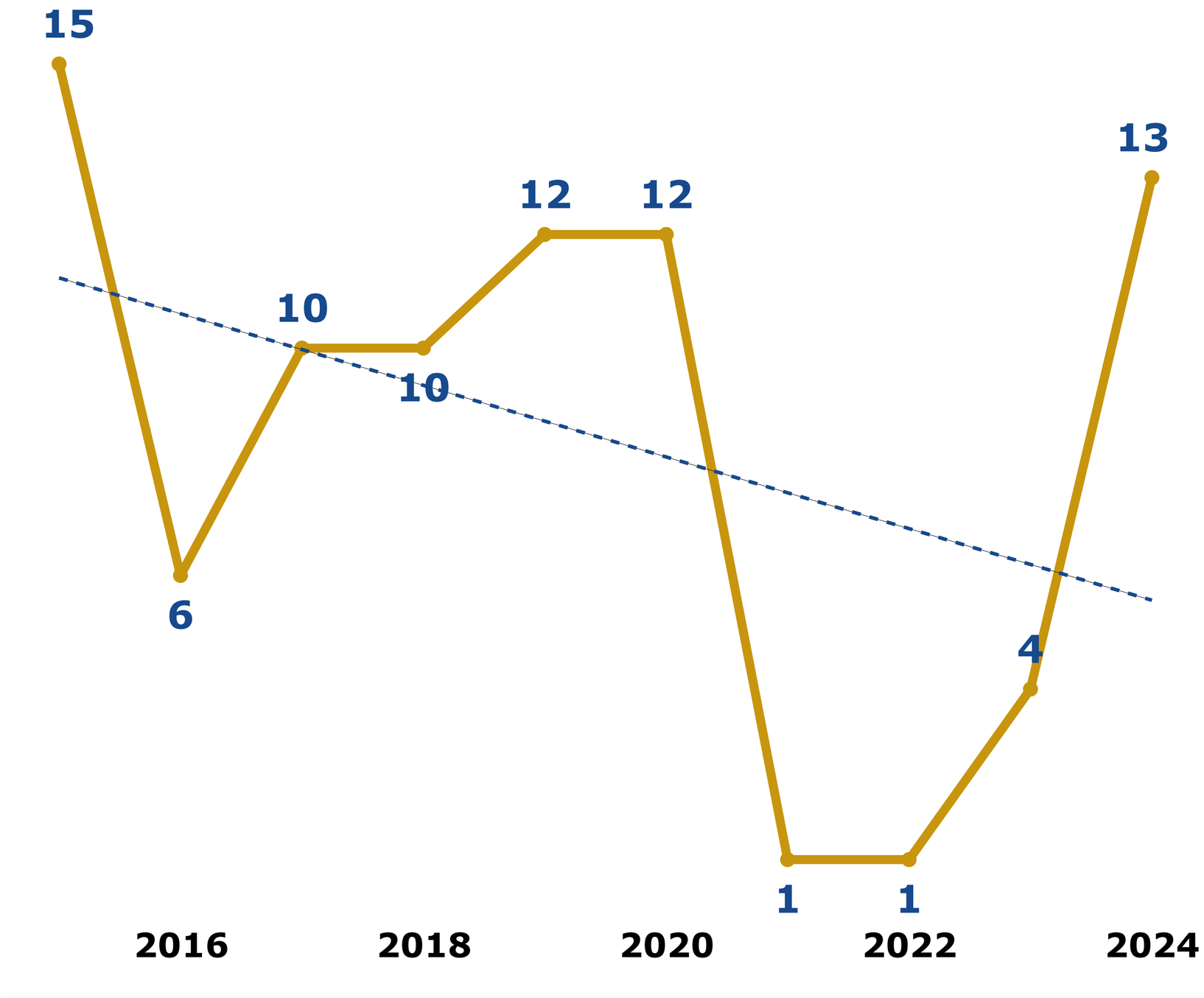
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sacramental Trend

Total Full Communions, Catechumens, Adult Baptisms



Percent Change 2015-2024

Adult Sacraments

-13.3%

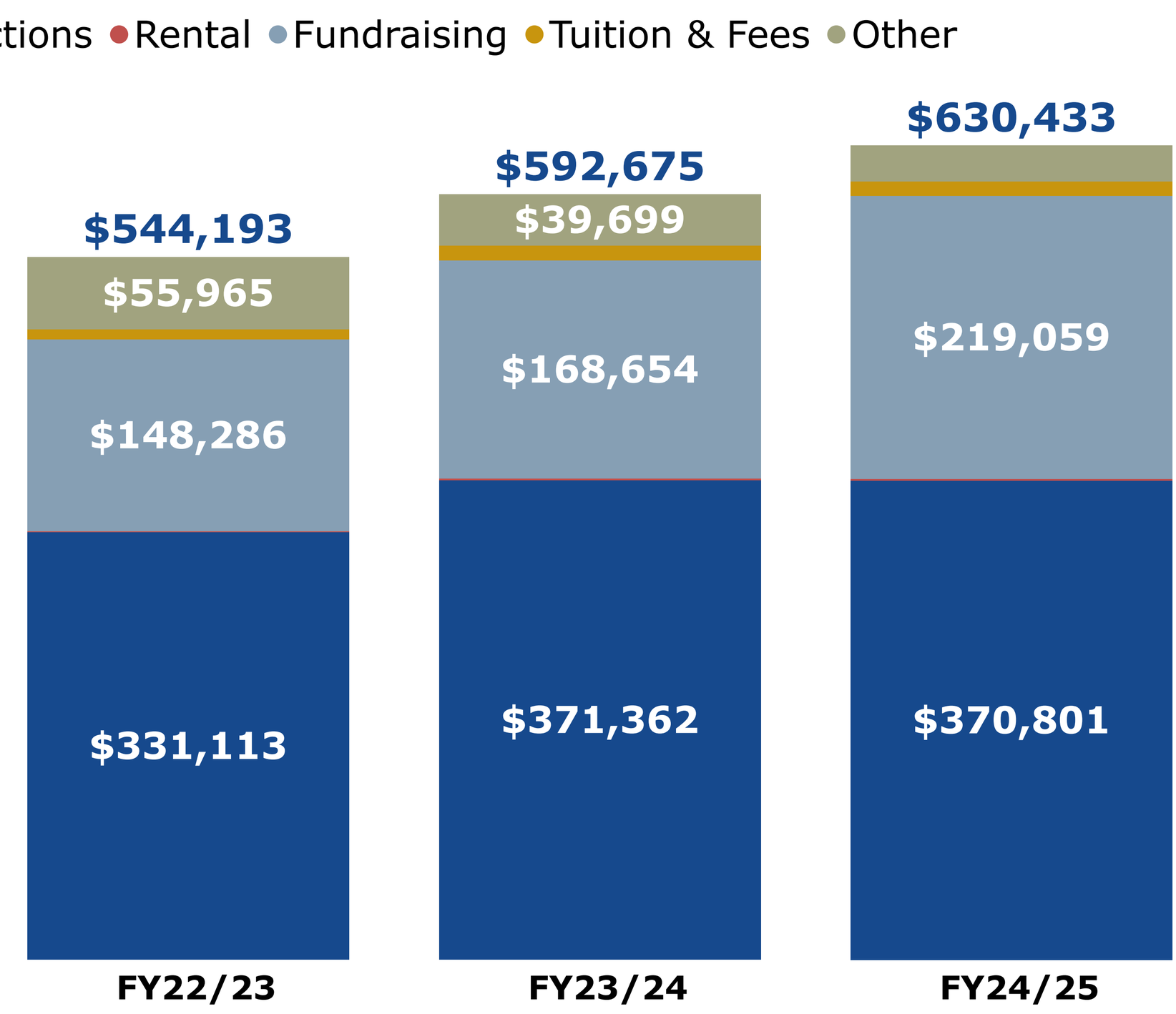
Note: Sacraments may have been registered in another parish hosting a FOP combined event

Source: Parish Reported to Official Catholic Directory

Definitions of data fields appearing on the following pages are provided below.
Financial information as reported by Intacct on June 30th of the last three fiscal years (2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25). If a data point is zero (0), then the parish experiences zero or did not submit information.

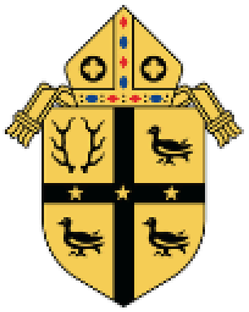
Collections: Funds received as weekly offerings (envelopes, online, loose), Christmas, Holy Days and other marked offerings given.
Other Revenue: All other Operating and Non-Operating funds received, such as donations, event fees, and interest.
Salary & Benefits Expense: Costs related to employee compensation, including wages, payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, and other benefits.
Contractor Expense: Costs related to contractors providing a service to the parish/school, such as Administrative Services and Janitorial.
Facilities Expense: Costs related to building expenses, utilities, and telecommunications.
Other Expense: All other operating expenses not included in the previous categories.
Capital Expense: Costs related to major repairs, renovations and other major building related purchases.
Net Income: Total Revenue minus Total Expenses (includes both Operating and Non-Operating).
Parish Subsidy: Calculated based on the net loss for the school operating unit (Elementary and/or High School).
Parish Tuition Scholarships: Funds donated to an external Catholic school for the purpose of student scholarships.
Cash: The reconciled checking account balance.
Unrestricted Savings: The sum of the unrestricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Endowments: Long-Term investments for the purpose of generating interest income to support operations over time. The endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution.
Donor Restricted Trust: The sum of the restricted Detroit Catholic Parishes & Schools Trust account balances.
Bills Due: Amounts owed to vendors for goods and services received/ordered by not yet paid for.
Payable Loans: Amounts owed to lenders or financial institutions (Archdiocese of Detroit) that must be repaid over time, often with interest.
Other Liabilities: Other amounts owed by the parish/school, including any tuition collected prior to the start of the school year.

Revenue | 3 Year Trend

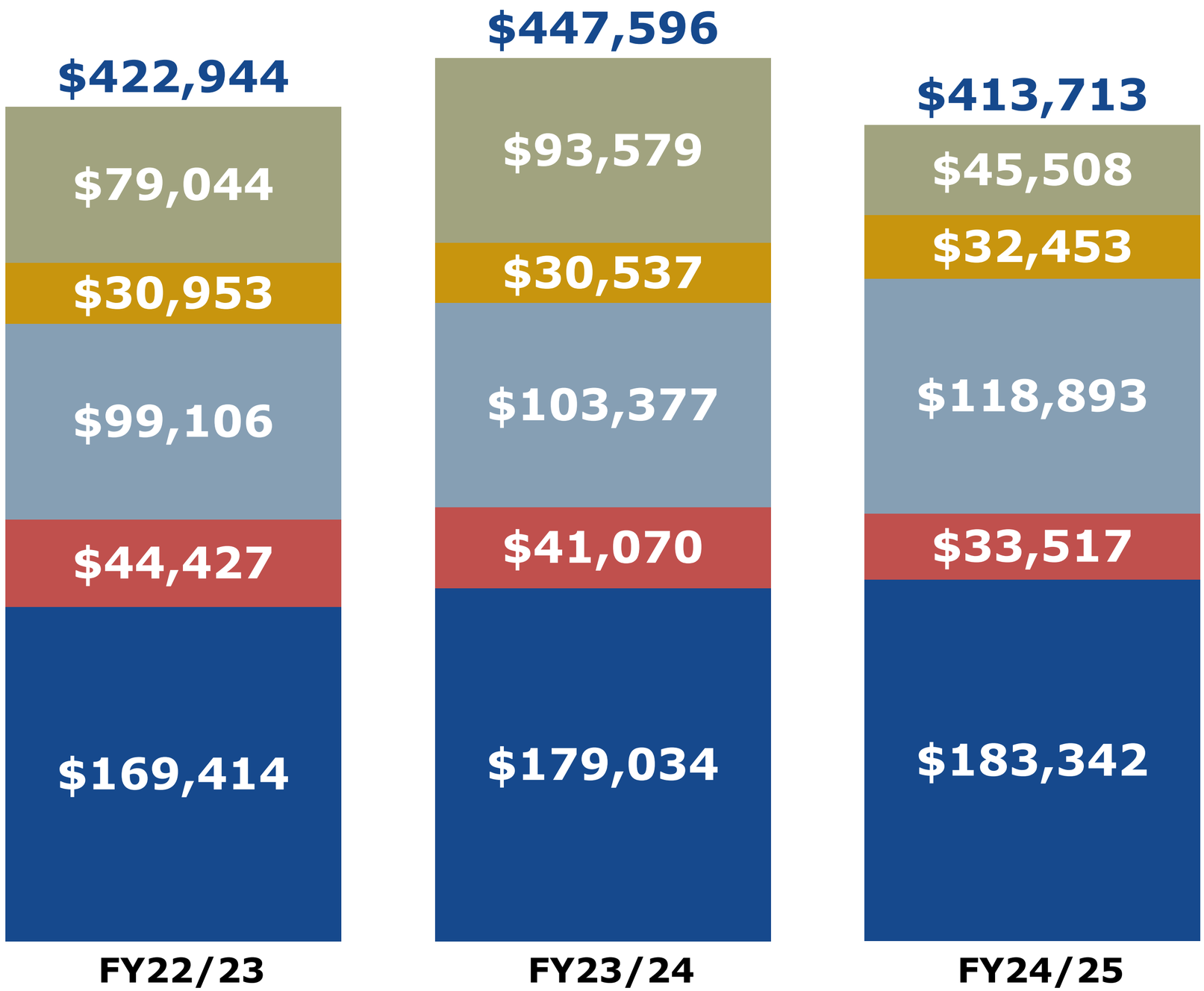


Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Operating Expenses | 3 Year Trend



● Salary & Benefits ● Contractors ● Facilities ● AOD Assessment ● Other



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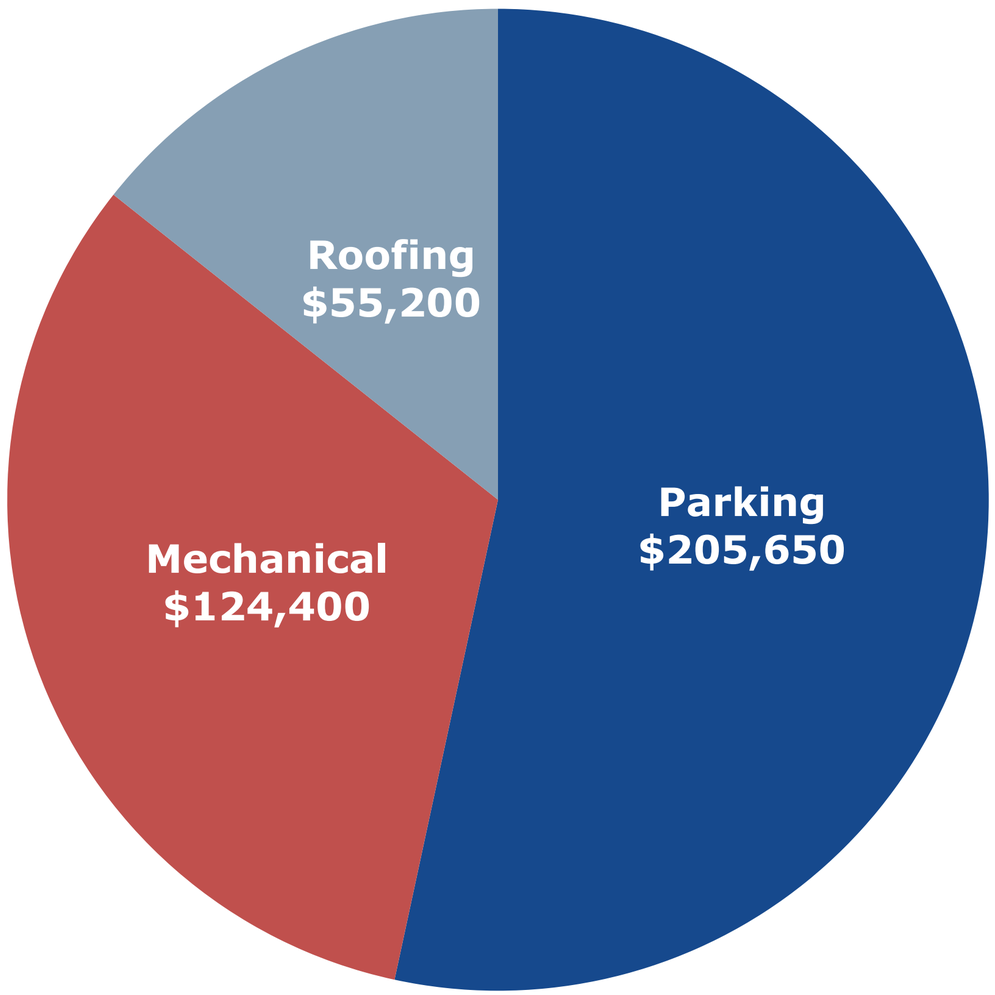
Parish Deferred Maintenance

Maintenance Required

$385,250

Total Estimated Cost



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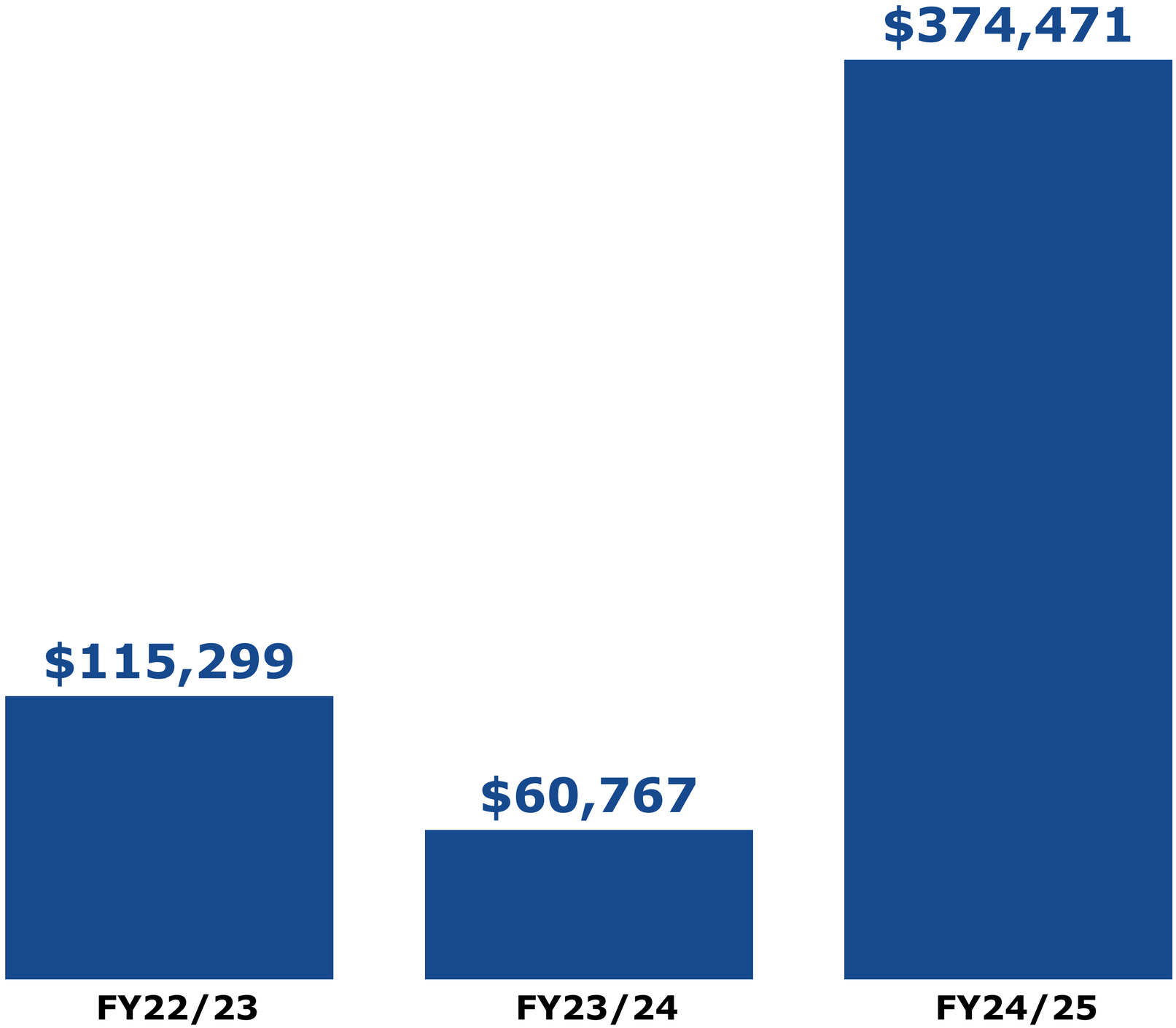
Evaluation Report Date

Source: Property Condition Evaluation

Capital Expenses | 3 Year Trend



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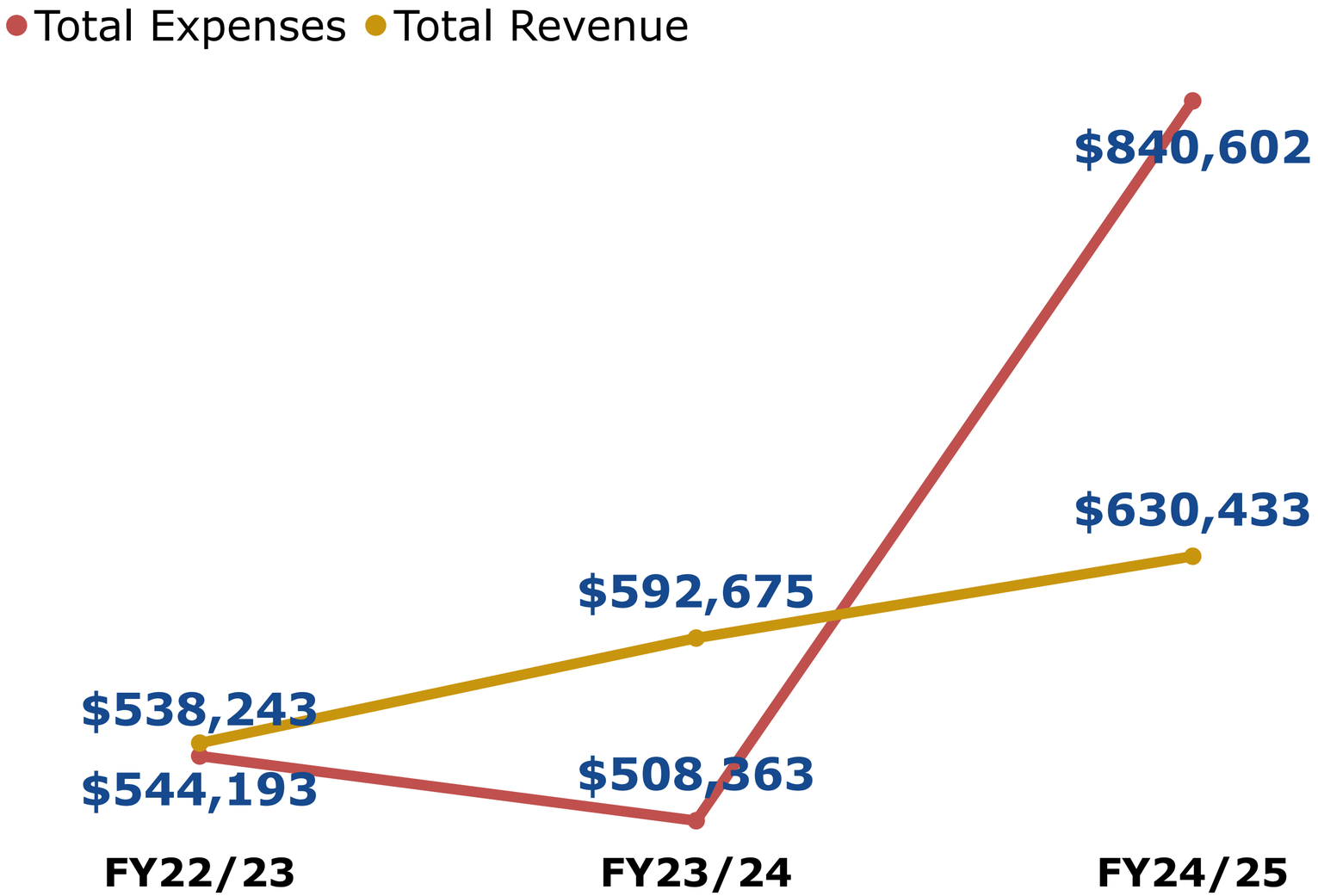
Revenue and Expenses



Net Income/(Deficit)

FY22/23	FY23/24	FY24/25
$5,950	$84,312	($210,169)

The relationship between revenue and expense shows net surplus/(deficit).

A higher yellow line (revenue) shows a positive net income in a given year.

A higher red line (expense) shows a negative net income in a given year.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Catholic Education Investment

Parish Subsidy for Catholic School

Parish Tuition Scholarships

Parish subsidies fill the gap between tuition and school operating expenses for parishes with a school.

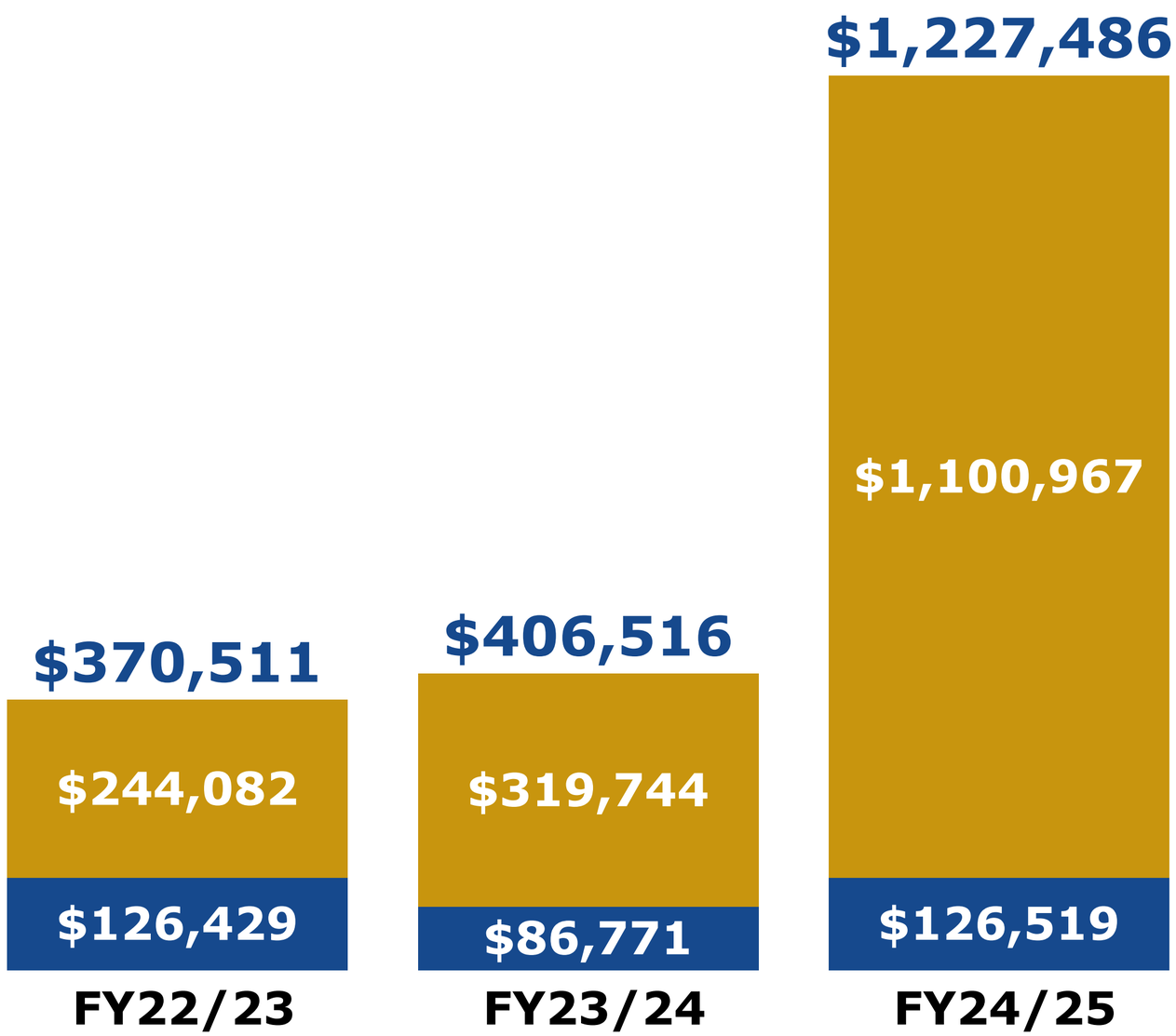
Parish Tuition Scholarships are parish funds used to help cover tuition costs for students attending Catholic Schools outside of the parish.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments Keys for Sustainability

Cash and Savings (Unrestricted)

● Checking ● Savings



An increase of cash and savings usually means the parish is doing well financially. It also means they are better prepared to handle surprise costs or tough times.

If cash and savings goes down, it may mean a parish is spending more, or collecting less. Having less cash can make it harder to deal with unexpected expenses. Sometimes, this drop is planned—like using savings for big projects or repairs.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Savings & Investments
Keys for Sustainability

Savings & Endowments (Restricted)

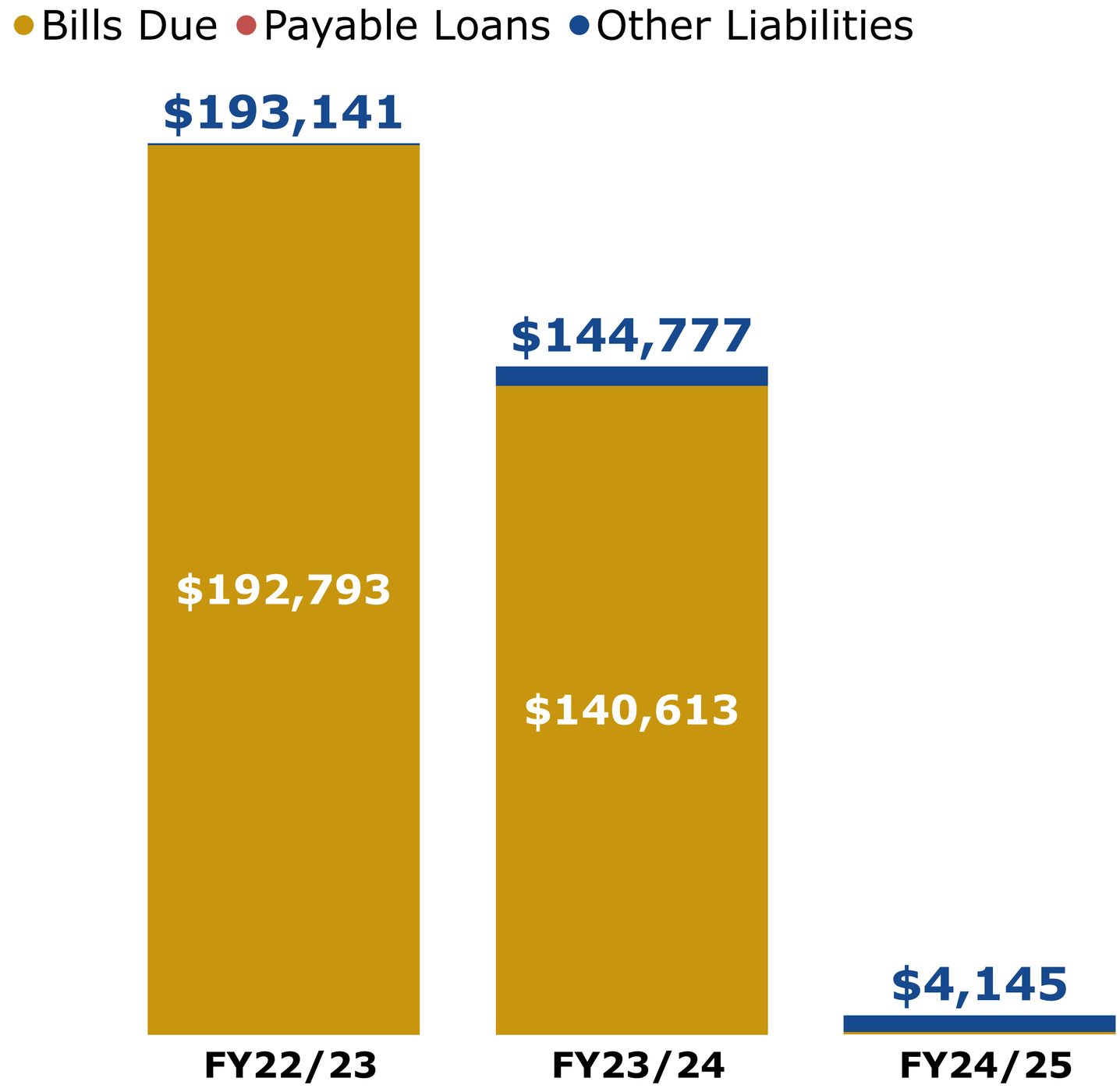
- Endowments
- Donor Restricted Trust

$0	$0	$0
FY22/23	**FY23/24**	**FY24/25**

Note: AOD Endowments are limited to a 5.25% annual distribution

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Debts and Liabilities



Debt going up, may mean a parish is having trouble with money or not bringing in enough cash. More debt also means more risk, especially if income isn't growing.

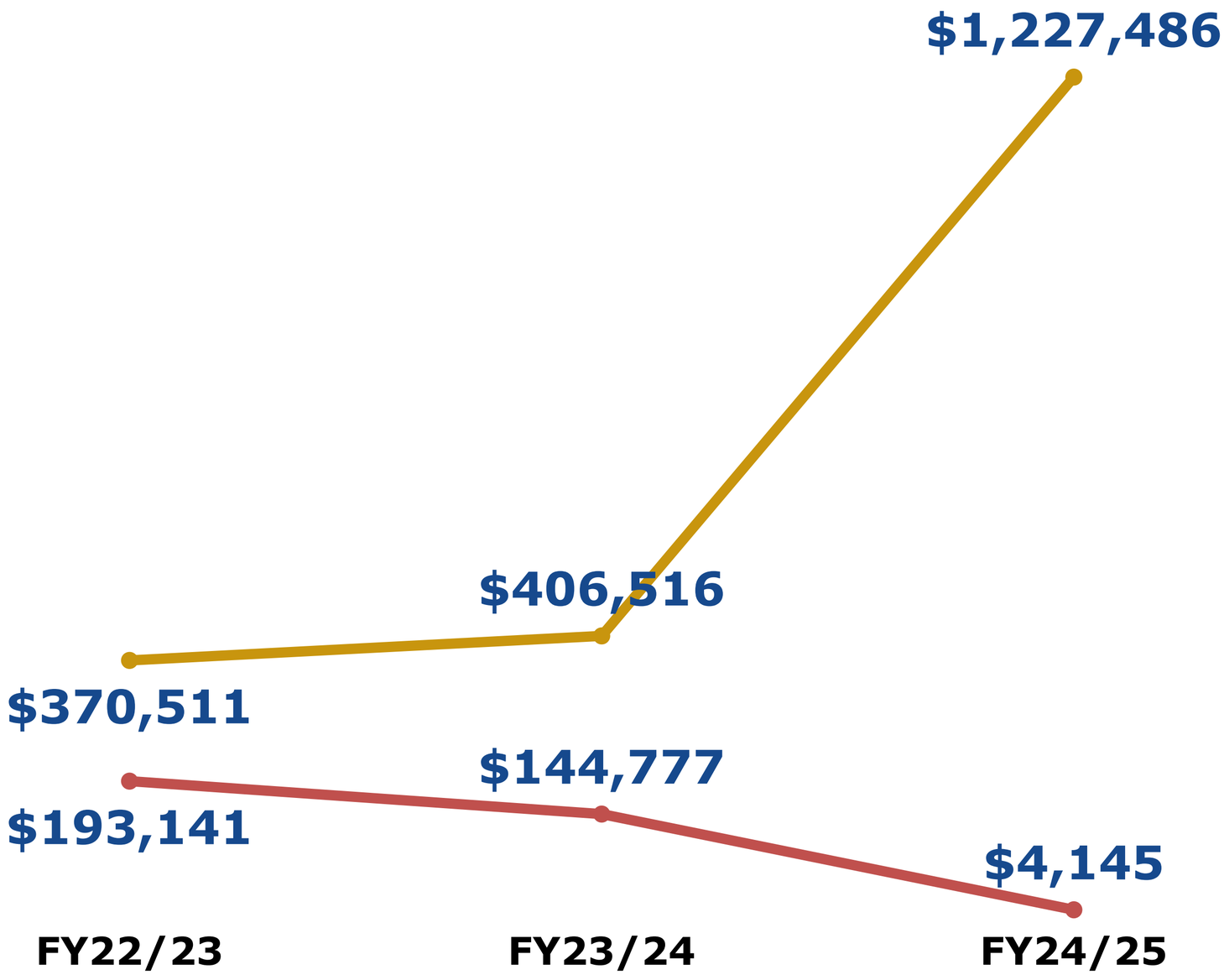
If debt is going down, that's usually a good sign. It means the parish is paying off what it owes and becoming more financially stable. It could also mean they're spending wisely and managing money better.

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Assets and Liabilities

Relationship of Assets and Liabilities

● Unrestricted Cash/Savings ● Debt/Liabilities



The relationship between your Assets and Liabilities shows your net equity (net surplus/deficit) over time.

A higher **yellow** line (Unrestricted Cash/Savings) shows your parish holds more cash than you owe out.

A higher **red** line (liabilities) shows you owe more out than your parish holds in cash.

Note: Cash does not include any funds due, but not yet paid (e.g. Tuition Receivable)

Source: Financial Data reported per Intacct on 9/16/2025

Contextual Comments

Worshipping Households: Within the Quo Vadis Domine Family, Mass schedule changes went into effect on Divine Mercy Sunday 2025. With no changes to St Andre Bessette schedule at that time, the current weekly mass attendance is at least 35% of registered families.